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Granger Pupils Learn About Plymouth Plantation



THE FIRST GRADERS at Granger School from Room 17 (Ms. Liptak) and Room 13 (Mrs. Carra) recently had visitors from Plymouth Plantation who shared a basket of artifacts and clothing from the 17th century. The program was filled with information and exciting stories representing the knowledge and beliefs of the Pilgrims and Indians of 1620 Plymouth. IN LEFT PHOTO: Carol Wynne, a Wampanoag Indian, with Celina Scavotto and Alex Andruss of Room 13. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Cate O'Neill (a.k.a. "Mistress Alice Bradford"), who was dressed in 17th-century clothing and spoke with a 17th-century English dialect. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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you a happy and
healthy
Thanksgiving*



Forum Held In Pittsfield...

Kasparian Speaks At "Options For Berkshire Govt."

Abe Kasparian of Agawam was a guest speaker in Pittsfield, MA on Saturday, November 13th. The topic discussed, "Options for Berkshire Government," was presented by Citizens for Regional Governance. This open community conversation, facilitated by Penny Geis of the Hampshire Council of Governments, explored the options Berkshire County has in regard to the end of county government.

Kasparian was one of six speakers who addressed the communities' needs for regional government. Drawing on his experience of county government from his tenure as Hampden County Commissioner, Kasparian outlined the problems that the abolition of county government would create for the taxpayers of Berkshire County.

Kasparian reinforced that there were two major considerations for the citizens of Berkshire County. One was the restructuring of the present county system into a Council of Government. Each one of the cities and towns that make up Berkshire County would agree by vote to be governed locally, and to maintain regional services within Berkshire County.

Second, and most importantly, Kasparian reminded the large audience that whether or not they reorganized into a Council of Government much like Hampshire County or Franklin County, they would still face a severe unfunded retirement liability. Kasparian used Agawam, his home city, as a model to demonstrate how government, and more specifically the state legislature, failed. Agawam now pays approximately \$400,000 a year more because of the abolition of county government. Kasparian urged to citizens to not only spend time to create regional local government, but also to work diligently to ensure that the state



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Berkshire County Commissioner Bob Melle, State Senator and Assistant Majority Leader Stan Rosenberg, and former Hampden County Commissioner Abe Kasparian spoke at the Citizens for Regional Governance forum in Pittsfield on Saturday, November 13th.

assumes all liabilities since the state was taking the vast assets owned by the county.

The last speaker, State Senator and Assistant Majority Leader Stan Rosenberg, echoed the thoughts of all of the speakers, however, noted that Kasparian brought to the table the shortcomings that the state legislature created when drafting and passing the Abolition of County Government bill. Senator Rosenberg said very succinctly that the assets of each individual county belonged to the taxpayers in each of those separate

counties. He agreed with Kasparian that the state had a duty to pay the local taxpayers for the property and assets that it would take from them.

Senator Rosenberg shared with all those present that, as of this date, the House of Representatives has NOT agreed to pay for the assets that the state has taken from the taxpayers of the individual counties.

This leaves cities and towns like Agawam to pay a severe penalty while the state legislature hashes out new bills for the new season.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, ads, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

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Letters To The Editor

Let Us Remember And Appreciate Maggie Hill Sarno

To The Editor:

In today's busy society, we are all so busy that we don't often get a chance to stop and appreciate the beauty and special people who touch our lives. One Agawam resident touched the lives of many throughout our area - "Maggie" Sarno.

I write this letter because I believe at the closing of this century, this "little lady with the powerful voice" epitomized her life in the 20th Century, tasting all of the highs and lows of this era.

Many of you will remember Maggie as leader of the Christmas Carolers at the Student Prince Restaurant every season. Many of your "mature" readers will remember that in the middle of this century, Maggie was considered one of the finest sopranos to ever come from the area. Other readers will remember Maggie as the firm, demanding, but oh-so-loving vocal instructor, leaving her gift to you, even though she is gone.

I had the privilege of attending a Memorial Service for Maggie at the Agawam First Baptist Church (Maggie's church) a few weeks ago, and her life was summed up so perfectly that day. Her story could have been the material movies were made from. Her first husband, Hans, a German, was killed as a prisoner during World War II. There was Frank Sarno, who took ill not long after her marriage. Then there were the "other two husbands - oh, well." There was a lost baby and a lost opportunity at Julliard. I also learned at that service that Maggie nearly was the voice of Snow White for Disney.

Yes, we were reminded at the service that this lady was "no saint." Indeed, I can remember several years ago, after finishing one of our summer concerts in which we featured Maggie (by now, a whiskey tenor, as she used to say), we took Maggie to Agawam Friendly's. We were sitting in non-smoking and Maggie quietly lit a cigarette. My wife reminded her that we were in non-smoking. She said, "Honey, when you're over 80, I think you should do what you d--- please."

This, too, is the palette of colors of this little lady of the 20th Century. I just thought Agawam should remember and appreciate that brief, colorful, shining moment that was Maggie Hill Sarno.

Sincerely,
Richie Mitnick
Feeding Hills

Parish Cupboard Executive Director Expresses Her Thanks

To The Editor:

There are so many of you who have impacted our efforts, especially this year, my first year.

Thank you to each of you who have cooked, given food, sent money, called in friendship, invited me to a meeting, and talked to others about us. I wish I could tell you that our prayers were answered and that no one is living outdoors as this cold weather comes.

I wish I didn't have to tell you that we are serving over 600 households in Springfield, Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick, with almost 1,000 children in them.

What a beautiful, sharing community we are. We are YOUR PARISH CUPBOARD. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Candy Boucher, Executive Director
The Parish Cupboard

Keenan Has Info. On Civil Service Exams

State Representative Dan Keenan is pleased to offer applications and scheduling information for the Commonwealth's current Civil Service examinations, which includes all announcements regarding Open Competitive Civil Service exams for the FY 2000.

Also available is information relating to the new Continuous Testing (ConTest) program which allows applicants for certain positions to apply for and take exams on an ongoing basis.

Please contact the District office at 786-4545 for further information.

Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

"The Stars And Stripes" Letter To The Editor (October 1st-24th Issue)

THE DRAFT

This is in response to the commentary by J. William Gallup, "Debating the Draft" (Aug. 30th-Sept. 12th issue).

Gallup's hokey trip down the memory lane of his personal military service distracts from the reality which brought repeal of the Selective Service Act and an end to military conscription in 1973.

As a Vietnam veteran himself, he should know better than to refer to the draft as a positive, life-shaping educational experience because it certainly was no such thing for thousands of men who had no desire to serve their country during the Vietnam War. During the 1960's, it was the fuel which fed the fires of anti-war protests, and it was a major contributing factor to our military's failure to win the war.

During WWII, the draft hardly was needed. There was no shortage of volunteers to fight the Nazis, Fascists, and Japs. And the Korean War was fought mainly with veterans of WWII.

From the start, military conscription was a thorn in our nation's side. In July 1863, a thousand people were killed or wounded in New York City when they rioted to protest the first military draft, and its provision for allowing draftees to pay money in lieu of serving in the Civil War. Obviously, this benefitted the wealthy, and guaranteed that only the poor and jobless would fill the lowest ranks of the Union Army.

A hundred years later, General Lewis Hershey and his Selective Service System allowed tens of thousands of middle- and upper-class young men to avoid the draft and all military service during the Vietnam War by granting them perpetual student deferments while they attended college and graduate schools. This is the biggest reason why there are so many lawyers in this country today. Bill Clinton is a perfect example of how the draft allowed affluent and well-connected men to avoid serving in Vietnam by staying in school.

In 1977, Jimmy Carter added insult to injury by pardoning some 10,000 yellow-belly draft dodgers who skipped the country. This was a big slap in the face to every one of us patriotic Vietnam veterans who bled instead of fled, and to those truly conscientious objectors who were prosecuted for draft evasion and served time in prison.

Gallup is flat wrong about the draft. Wars should be fought only by men who volunteer to fight, like Marines and paratroopers. His personal experience in Vietnam would have been entirely different if he had served in a straight-leg Army Infantry unit comprised of post-Tet Offensive draftees. Signed Michael N. Mantegna, Cummings, Georgia.

(Editor's note: Mr. Gallup served in the Marine Corps and also as a paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. He served during the Korean War. He is not a Vietnam veteran.)

This week's HONOR ROLL list includes Home of Record WWII Agawam veterans whose last names begin with the letters "M," "N," and "O."

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MENARD, LAWRENCE E.
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MERRIL, ROGER C.
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Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
**Keep Matches & Lighters
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Every year, several hundred children are killed as a result of their own actions. They die in fires which they started, with matches or lighters that were left within the reach of their small hands.

Children are fascinated with fire. Many of the children who start fires are simply playing with matches or lighters out of curiosity. In some cases, they are imitating Mom or Dad, without knowing how dangerous a match or lighter can be.

These "lethal weapons" should **always** be kept on a high shelf out of reach of the children. If you have smokers in the house, they should take extra precautions to keep lighters and matches out of children's hands.

The Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take time to teach your children that a match is a tool, not a toy. Adults use these tools for specific purposes - to light a stove, candle, campfire. Teach them to tell you or another grown-up if they find matches or a lighter.

The majority of fires that are started by children aren't intentional. They are preventable accidents ... if we do our part to keep these "lethal weapons" out of children's hands.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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(* Died while in service.)

Melconian Announces Override Of Cellucci's Veto On Education & Human Service Raises

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce the override the gubernatorial veto of \$90 million in education funding and \$6.5 million for human service provider raises in the FY00 Budget. Melconian also blasted Governor Cellucci for his cuts in these vital areas.

"We made a promise in 1993 to reform education. We demanded high standards and in return we gave schools the funds to meet those standards. We're still requiring schools to live up to those standards - we have children taking the MCAS, one of the most challenging tests in the country, because we want them to be the best educated kids in the nation. Those tests are hard - students and teachers are doing their best to live up to those standards. Are we going to fail to live up to our end?"

"The governor has said that because a third of the fiscal year is completed, education reform funds can be cut by a third. This reasoning is illogical and flawed. How will it work? Are we going to buy our children two-thirds of a textbook? Is two-thirds of a teacher going to teach them?"

"The additional \$90 million in Chapter 70 Education Reform will have a direct impact on the education of the schoolchildren of Springfield, Chicopee, Agawam, and West Springfield," said Melconian.

The additional \$17.5 million the city of Springfield was scheduled to receive will be used to reduce class size by hiring new teachers. Recent studies have shown that reduced class size for early elementary school students results in improved reading and math levels, better performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, and ultimately, higher graduation rates.

The additional \$630,000 Agawam was scheduled to receive in Chapter 70 funding this year was to be used to reduce class size, improve computer technology, especially in elementary schools, and purchase textbooks. "I am proud to report that because of Education Reform funding, every stu-

dent in the Agawam schools has a new textbook in each subject," said Melconian. "Agawam has also spent more than \$2 million over the last two years to purchase new computers." The addition of more than \$180,000 will be used to continue these efforts.

Chicopee's additional \$1.1 million in Chapter 70 funding this year is also targeted toward reducing class size. "Lower class size means more individual attention for each student," said Melconian. "It is a vital part of the school's efforts to meet the new challenges posed by the Education Reform Act." The city will gain approximately \$180,000 in education funds through this veto override.

The Town of West Springfield would also have been devastated by the veto. The town has supported the local school system for more than three years. Without the \$350,000 that has been vetoed, the town will be unable to offer any new services or hire any new teachers.

Melconian also questioned the Governor's veto of \$6.5 million for human service workers. "I think it's deplorable that a pay raise should be considered for the Governor as he vetoes minimal pay raises for our human service providers," said Melconian.

Funds from the \$6.5 million veto override will go to increase the salaries of workers who make less than \$30,000 a year. "These are some of the lowest paid workers in the Commonwealth. They care for the sick, the elderly, and the mentally ill," said Melconian. "It is appalling that people who work in some of the lowest paying and most challenging industries in the Commonwealth cannot receive a modest pay increase."

Overrides of the gubernatorial veto require a two-thirds vote of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. If both the House and Senate override the Governor's veto, that particular measure or bill becomes law despite the Governor's objection.

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Gearing Up For Thanksgiving Day Dinner 1999

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The Agawam Parish Association is planning the second Agawam Community Thanksgiving Dinner, now known as the *Kathy Manley Memorial Thanksgiving Day Dinner*.

The dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1999, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills (near Dunkin' Donuts).

At this event, the churches of the Agawam community will come together as one body in preparing and serving the meal. Volunteers will provide the work.

Who Is This Dinner For?

This Thanksgiving Dinner is for anyone in the Agawam community who wants to be with their neighbors on this special day. In coming together, we seek to share not only food but also friendship with any who would be alone or who would like to join with others on this festive occasion.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins, on-duty firefighters, police officers, and to those with family members in area hospitals. Transportation for those who need a ride to the dinner will be provided.

How Did This Get Started?

In 1981, the West Springfield Parish Association began the tradition by serving 120 meals. By 1997, the event had grown to the point at which over 1,000 meals were served, including about 150 to Agawam residents.

Now we in Agawam wish to branch out from West Springfield's initiative and provide a similar service in our own community.

What Is The Cost?

We offer the meal without charge. We rely solely on the contributions of money, food, and volunteer help. We ask that you consider this worthy cause, and we invite you to participate in any way possible.

Please make checks payable to: Agawam Parish Association, P.O. Box 267, Agawam, MA 01001.

Volunteers may call Art Theobald, 789-4271, or Rev. Rob Donaldson, 786-5091 (fax 786-0694).

May God's blessing be with you this Thanksgiving.

Agawam Golden Age Club's (Chapter 2) December Calendar

Wednesday, December 1st: Annual Christmas Banquet at The Oaks, Suffield Street, Agawam. Social hour at 11:00 a.m.; dinner served at 12:00 noon. Entertainment by the Singing/Swinging Seniors of Chicopee.

Monday, December 13th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino.

Wednesday, December 15th: Annual Christmas Party at the Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. A collection of canned goods will be taken on this day for the Parish Cupboard. Christmas carols will be sung.

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Annual dues for the year 2000 are now payable. Please send remittance to Harry Durant, 66 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank-you for your cooperation...

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WWI Concert At The Middle School



AT THE MEMORY LANE CHORUS' World War I concert at Agawam Middle School on Wednesday, November 10th, the Agawam Polish-American Club donated a check to benefit the town's Honor Roll project for veterans. From left to right: Bob Binnenkade, Vice-President of the Polish-American Club; Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas; Wilma Gillan, representing the Polish-American Club's Bingo Committee; and Darcy Davis, Director of the Memory Lane Chorus. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



SINGING ONE OF THE World War I era songs during the Memory Lane Chorus' November 10th concert — Rose Haynes, Eileen Lutat, and Wilma Gillan. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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MICHAEL ALAN GORE

Alan And Lisa Gore Announce The Birth Of Their First Child

Alan and Lisa Gore of Flagstaff, Arizona are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Michael Alan Gore.

Michael was born on August 26, 1999. He weighed seven pounds and was 20½ inches long. Proud grandparents are George and Nancy Hellquist of Feeding Hills and Charles and Janet Gore of Charlestown, Rhode Island.

Michael is the ninth grandchild for both grandparents.

Rep. Dan Keenan Discusses State's Operations On Y2K

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

(This is the fifth in a series of interviews with persons who took part in a forum on September 15, 1999 at St. David's Church regarding Y2K. Y2K refers to "Year 2000" and the theoretical upsets to commerce and domestic life when computers try to roll over from 1999 to 2000.)

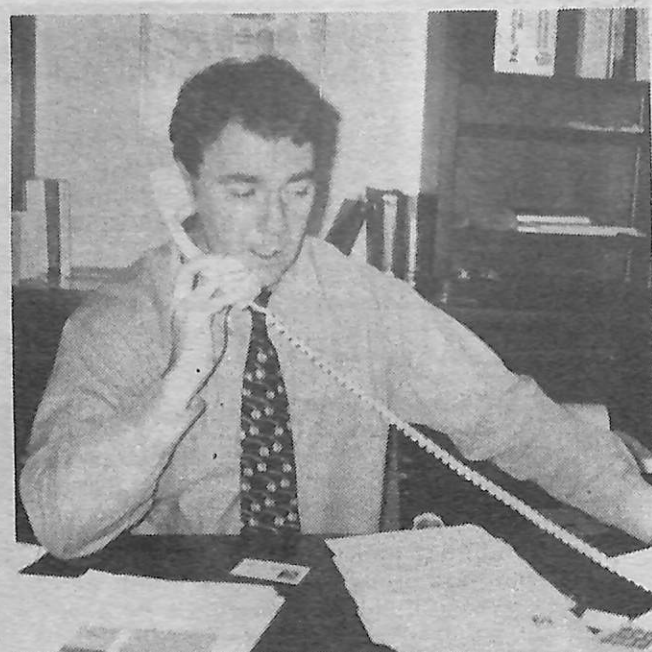
State Representative Daniel Keenan is confident that Massachusetts is ready for the year 2000. Five years of research and over \$100 million have gone into the prevention of problems when computers switch over from 1999 to 2000.

"I believe the money was well spent. It represents an investment by making sure our computer systems are state-of-the-art," Keenan said. "Our biggest concern now is assuring the public. For functions which are critical and mission-essential, Massachusetts is now 98 percent compliant."

"It is the responsibility of the state to oversee all government functions, which means many systems and departments within state government will continue without any interruption. This covers public utilities, too. Our Department of Revenue handles a budget of \$20 billion. It's a comfort to know that we can account for that money."

The state oversees the court systems and has had to foresee any potential problems due to dependents, taxes, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Education, and more. The oversight aspect covers hospitals, public utilities, electricity, and the billing that goes on.

"The Science and Technology Committee con-



STATE REP. DAN KEENAN

ducted public hearings on Y2K and, for example, there was a representative from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The committee was checking with them for their plans and readiness, and everything is in order," added Keenan.

Last month, there was a public hearing where Secretary of Administration and Finance Andrew Natsios testified. According to Keenan, Natsios stressed that things are in good shape in the Commonwealth, although there is some work remaining.

"I thought the seminar at St. David's was a great community event. It served to let the people of Agawam know what their government is doing. It was pretty unique, a great idea, and it gave an important message — that their elected officials are paying attention," said Keenan.

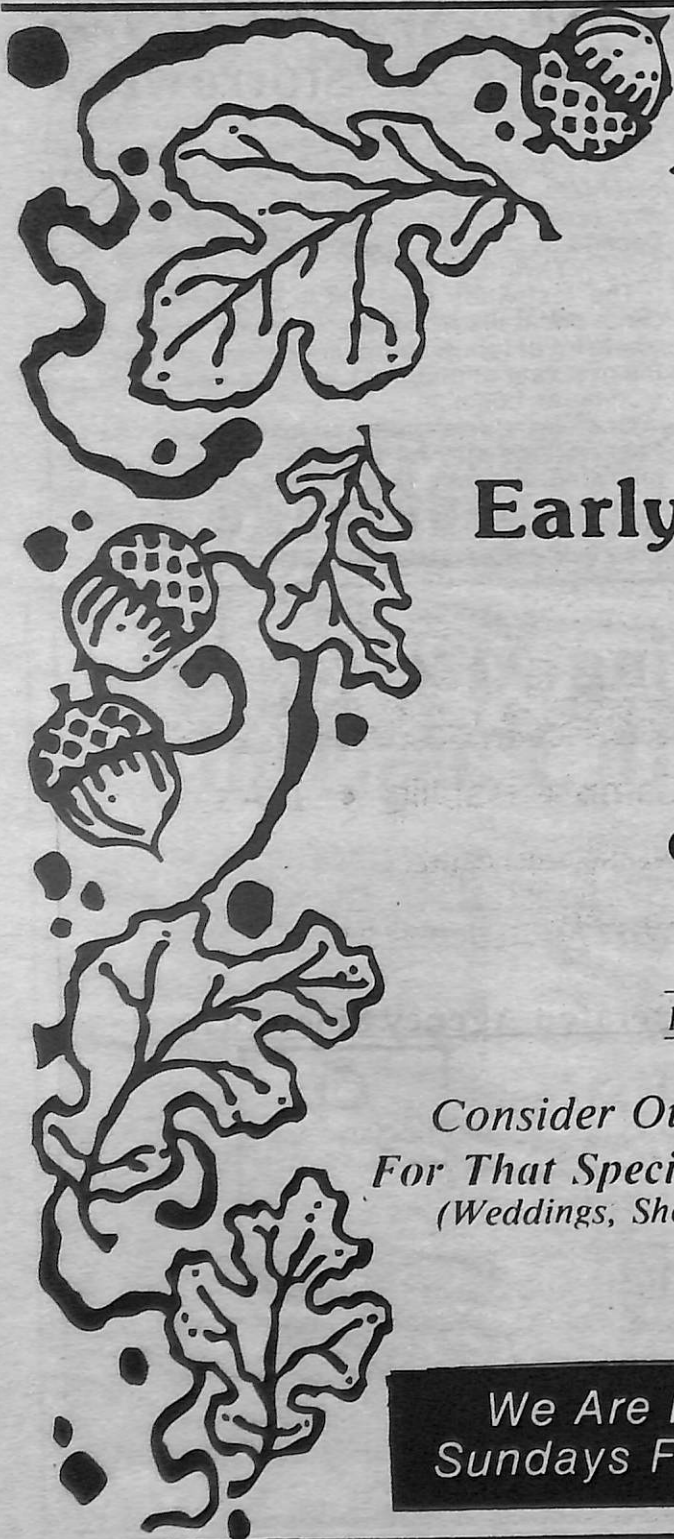
Derek Innarelli Engaged To Narumi Hatoma

Louis Innarelli of Westfield and Carla Dempsey of Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their son, Derek G. Innarelli, to Narumi Hatoma of Okinawa, Japan.

The bride-to-be is the Contracting Officer for Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and Florida Institute of Technology. He is a 1st lieutenant in the USAF and is an F-15 Fighter Pilot stationed in Kadena A.F.B. in Okinawa.

A June wedding is planned in Okinawa.



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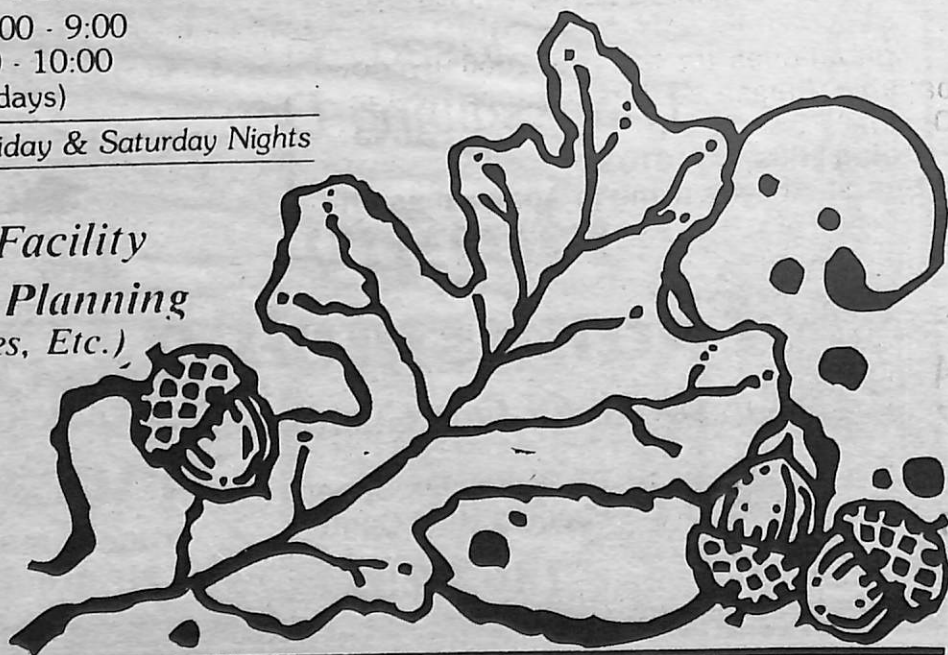
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Question: I noticed you do Henna Body Art in your salon. What is it exactly and is it permanent?

Answer: Henna is the common name for a small plant (*Lawsonia inermis*) which looks similar to tea leaves and originally grew in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. It has found its way to the United States, England, and the tropical regions of the New World. The plant leaves are dried and ground into a fine powder and mixed with water or certain oils. This has been used for centuries in body tattooing, fingernail coloring, and hair enhancement.

For many centuries, women in the Middle East and India used this henna they called Mehndi as part of their tradition to celebrate weddings, special holidays, and the transition of a young girl into womanhood. The women would tattoo their hands, feet, and other parts of their bodies, play music, and dance to celebrate their specific occasion. Sometimes this would last up to three days! It was also believed that henna heals the body as well as wards off evil spirits.

Natural henna is harmless to the body system and causes no irritations to the skin. "Black Mehndi/henna" should not be used, as it contains chemical dyes which have been proven to cause cancer of the skin and bladder in laboratory animals, and have been reported to also cause severe allergic reactions.

Melissa is our artist and has created many personal designs for her clients. The henna "paste" is carefully hand-designed onto the skin and left in place from two to four hours. The longer you leave it on, the deeper the color and the longer it will last. It is kept moist with a lemon juice and sugar mixture while it is on the skin.

Once removed, it is important to keep tanning and mineral oils off of the area, as this may lighten the design. Many things will influence the color tones. The melanin in everyone's skin is different, and will leave a light to deep earthy tone on the skin lasting anywhere from one to three weeks.

Stop in and see Melissa on Saturday for a **demo design** (only \$5 with this ad). She is a natural artist and is also here on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

What's this? *Henna Extract* is an extract from the dried leaves of the henna shrub. It is a coloring material which is used to coat the hair shaft and to condition and enhance highlights in the hair. Cleopatra and Lucille Ball used henna to color their hair.

A thought for a smile: A child taking first steps! Remember ... *Beauty is our business!*

ADVERTISER NEWS

Roger Heroux

Roger Heroux, 78, of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He started working as a salesman with Oakite Products Inc. in 1949, was promoted to district manager, and then director of international operations. He was a regional vice-president when he retired in 1986.

He was born in Springfield and was a 1938 graduate of Springfield Technical High School. He attended Bay Path Institute and Northeastern University.

He lived in Longmeadow for 25 years and then lived in Pottersville, New Jersey. He moved to Agawam in 1987.

He attained the rank of Eagle Scout as a young man.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, was part of the Omaha Beach landing, and was wounded at Falaise Gap in France.

He was discharged with the rank of captain. He received the American Service Medal and the Purple Heart.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, the former Marcella Lynch; two daughters, Sally Eileen Hagan of Agawam and Jeanne Marie Heroux of Harwich; a sister, Gloria Bierschied of Vero Beach, Florida; and four grandchildren.

A daughter, Nancy Blanchard, died in 1994.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 27th, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Andrew G. Jorgensen

Andrew G. Jorgensen, 87, formerly of 69 Parker Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was an office manager and sales consultant for Pittsburgh Plate Glass (now PPG Industries) for 35 years and retired in 1973.

Born in Shelton, Connecticut, he lived in Agawam since 1968 and was a member of the Congregational Church and a past master of the Springfield Masonic Temple.

Agawam Alliance Support Group Mtg. On November 29th

Jeff Fortina, Executive Director of Windhorse Associates in Northampton, and David Stark, Peer Support Coordinator, will share information about Windhorse Associates at the Agawam Senior Center's Agawam Alliance Support Group meeting on Monday, November 29th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Windhorse offers an array of innovative clinical services and programs of varying intensity for persons experiencing serious mental disorders.

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The presentation is free and the public is invited to attend.

His wife, the former Ethel R. Munson, died in 1995.

He leaves a son, Andrew C. of Agawam; three daughters, Ann Twarog and Donna C. DeChristopher, both of Feeding Hills, and Carol L. Poulos of Naples, Florida; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

Homer W. Wright

Homer W. Wright, 78, of 48 Mill Street, Agawam, died recently in local nursing home.

He was a 32-year employee of Northeast Utilities and retired in 1984 as a general stores supervisor. After retirement, he worked for Fran Johnson's Nevada Bob's Golf and Tennis for 10 years.

Born in Newport, New Hampshire, he moved to Agawam in 1978. He lived previously in Springfield and in East Longmeadow for 25 years.

He was a 55-year Mason and was most recently a member of the Elm Belcher Lodge.

He also belonged to the Scottish Rite Bodies and the directors unit of the Melha Shrine Temple, where he was an appointed soloist for several years. He sang in area choirs, most recently at Agawam Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Barbara Sibley; two daughters, Barbara L. Jean of Swansea and Judith L. Newman of Westfield; a brother, Robert Wright of Granby; a sister, Mary McEwan of Whately; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at the church, with burial at the convenience of the family. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or the church at 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

"Agawam Millennium Bash" At The Carriage House At Storowton

Come join us as we count down to the year 2000. Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome!!

An "Agawam Millennium Bash" is being held to celebrate the new millennium with friends, old and new. So, bring yours and join us Friday, December 31st at The Carriage House at Storowton Tavern.

The festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include cocktails, food, and dancing, along with a whole lot of fun. A champagne toast will celebrate the new year at midnight, with the merriment concluding at 1:00 a.m.

Cost for the evening is just \$75 per person. Reservations may be made by calling any of the following: Stephen Grenier (786-3629), Maria Sutton Drake (786-2522), or Fred Withee (732-4188). Attendance must be confirmed prior to the event. Invites will not be accepted at the door.

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AHS's Class Of 1959 Holds 40th Reunion



LAST MONTH, the class of 1959 from Agawam High School held its 40th reunion at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 29th: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, November 30th: Meatloaf with gravy, cheese baked potato, carrots, rye bread, lemon pudding.

Wednesday, December 1st: Pork chops, stuffing and gravy, butternut squash, rudi roll, cookies.

Thursday, December 2nd: Pasta and bean soup, turkey salad on roll, tossed salad, pineapple.

Friday, December 3rd: Baked fish, harvest rice, cole slaw, whole wheat bread, plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, ads, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE members of Agawam High School's class of 1959 who traveled the greatest distance to attend the recently held 40th reunion.

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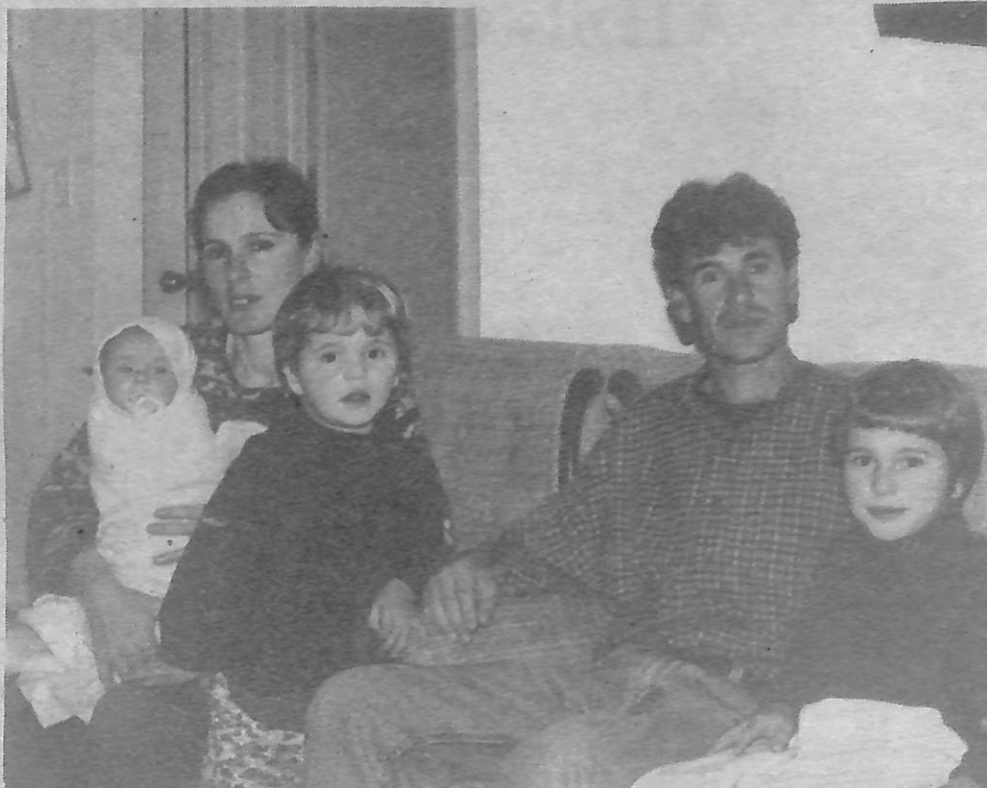
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Ezrail Ahmeti with his wife, Vernona, and their one year-old son, Musil. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Shemsi and Nefail Ahmeti with their children — Drilona, Nedime, and Liridona. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Two Albanian Families Are Rebuilding Their Lives And Raising Their Children In Town Of Agawam

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Among Albanian refugee families from Kosovo that the United States government was brought to this country are two young families now living in Agawam.

They intend to remain in the U.S. and are trying hard to become acclimated. Language and jobs are primary concerns, although food, clothing, household furnishings, and familiarization with procedures also concern them.

Ezrail Ahmeti, the older brother, is 33 and with his wife, Vernona, have a little boy, Musil, whose first birthday was November 17th. Ezrail was a mason in Kosovo, working with bricks and cement blocks in construction.

Nefail and Shemsi have three children. They are seven year-old Liridona, who is in the first grade at Phelps School; three year-old Nedime; and a two month-old baby girl, Drilona. Nefail is 31 and both the wives are in their 20's.

Put out of their home by the Serbs, the area was burned, according to Ezrael. They then walked for 20 hours through snow to arrive at a refugee camp in Masadonia. They lived in tents until the U.S. government offered to fly them to the United States. They came in June, all their belongings gone.

With 16 years of school behind him, Nefail taught biology in a college in Kosovo for six years. While both the brothers speak about four languages, they did not speak English.

For both men, the ideal situation would be to get jobs in their respective field and become more familiar with the English language. Both families live in the Coachlight Apartments (Belden Court), off Silver Street, on opposite sides of the court.

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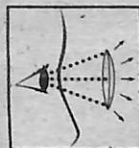
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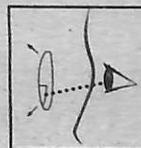
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Sonia Landry, Agnes Mithos, and Gary Landry at The Atrium's recently held second anniversary celebration. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Kay Sullivan, local entertainer Linda King, and Rhea Vanesse. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



AT THE ATRIUM'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: back row — Carol Augustine, Amy Fitzgerald, and Robert Fitzgerald; front row — Jesika, Mary Goss, and Alecia. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

REFUGEES - from 10...

Ezrail's sponsor family lives in Longmeadow and has been helpful, securing some clothing, food, part-time jobs, and some furniture. They helped them get a car, which they share, and both families have telephones. Both the men are eager to work and anxious to support their families.

Both men worked at Telaflex in Connecticut and now work at a landscaping business in Chicopee. It is temporary work, being used where needed. But Ezrail worries about the coming winter and the limitations of landscaping because of its seasonal work.

Nefail came to a family in Pelham, MA. While in Pelham, he was pictured in "The Amherst Bulletin" in a story about construction at the University of Massachusetts. He was dismantling scaffolding after extending a chimney for the new second floor of the South Congregational Church. Ezrail was also pictured in a *Springfield Union News* story in August about refugees and Kosovo.

Since Nefail's sponsor seemed to be limited in his assistance, Nefail brought his family to Agawam to be near his older brother. A result is that Ezrail's family has food stamps; Nefail, so far, does not.

The Ahmetis have two brothers and their mother still in Kosovo. The family speaks Albanian and the acclamation to life here has been difficult. Still, both spoke of how good they find American people. "Even the children are good," Ezrail said. He said he speaks for all Albanians when he said, "We will not forget what President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia has done to us.

"And we will never forget what our sponsoring families here have done for us," he added. "Never. Never."

Old-Fashioned Activities Highlight The Atrium's Second Anniversary Celebration

Blue skies and brightly colored fall foliage made a perfect setting for The Atrium's second anniversary celebration, certain to be an annual event in the Town of Agawam.

Many area residents, as well as family and friends of those living at The Atrium and nearby Quail Run Estates, enjoyed an old-fashioned hayride provided by Crowley's Stables, as well as the Pioneer Valley Fiddlers, country singer Annie Fogg, Swingles square dancing demonstration, a 1926 Model T driven by George Lamson, and, of course, the popular Shriners clowns, loved by old and young alike.

The aroma of freshly popped popcorn permeated the air thanks to Westbank's famous popcorn wagon. Facing-painting by Linda King

and games were enjoyed by the children, and photos with Raggedy Ann and Andy were a big hit with all.

Our thanks to the staff and their families, including local Agawam residents Joyce Babbitt and her daughters, Laura and Sandra Babbitt, Nancy Kiczek, Bob Littlefield, Agnes Morales and her children, Edward and Rosa, for the time and energy contributed to make this a very special day for all.

Scott Beluzo won the "guess the weight of the pumpkin" contest at 98 pounds. Bradley Okscin guessed the correct amount of seeds in the pumpkin at 83, and Lee Foster guessed 85 as the correct number of candy corn in the jar.

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Lioness Club Hosts Craft Fair At St. Thomas School



LIONESS CLUB CO-PRESIDENTS Beverly Tetreault and Joann McGeoghan. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, the Annual Craft Fair at St. Thomas School in West Springfield was hosted by the Agawam Lioness Club. The Club is looking forward to hosting this fair for many years to come. Pictured above are vendors Dorothy and Christine Clark.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



IN TOP PHOTO: Richard and Elaine Smith at the St. Thomas School Craft Fair. **IN PHOTO BELOW:** Kathy DeGray with her various wares at the Craft Fair. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



PARTICIPATING AT THE St. Thomas School Craft Fair — **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Kathy DeGray and Donna Croteau; **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Marcia Finck with a toy soldier. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



'Breakfast With Santa' At The Middle School

On Sunday, December 5th, Santa will be visiting the Agawam Middle School from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. to meet with all good boys and girls for a pancake and sausage breakfast. All children can bring their letters to Santa, and make sure to include your return address. Photos will be taken with Santa and the children.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the breakfast and is happy to have it at a new location this year. Tickets will be available at the door.

A collection of non-perishable food will be taken for the Junior Women's Holiday Baskets, which help less fortunate Agawam families have a happy holiday.

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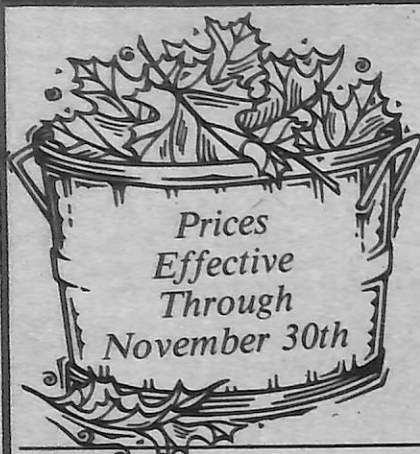
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Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot **\$8.99**

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Church News

Chicken Pie Supper At F.H. Congregational...



ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, the Ladies Benevolent Society held their annual Chicken Pie Supper at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. From left to right: Betty Bava, Mary Wilson, and Mary Racheck. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



READY TO ENJOY THEIR chicken pie suppers at Feeding Hills Congregational Church (from left to right): Mary Racheck, Paul Racheck, and David Campagnari. This annual event is sponsored by the Ladies Benevolent Society. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Calendar From Ag. Congregational

With other churches around the world, the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam) will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, with church school at 9:00 a.m. and a worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 28th.

We will light the first of the Advent Candles, the Candle of Hope, and Dr. Bascom will preach on the topic, "Something's About to Happen," from the text in Mark 12:24-37.

We will also baptize a baby and welcome a group of new members.

At 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 28th, there will be the first of four special Advent events involving music, Bible study, prayer, and refreshments. All are invited.

Dr. Bascom will lead this first session.

Church school for seventh through 12th grade and Confirmation classes meet at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday, with crib room through sixth grade meeting during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Each church school class will be celebrating the lighting of the Advent Candle and focusing on the Biblical message of Hope.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 25th) from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

This is a **free dinner** open to anyone, families included. Meals will also be delivered to your home!

Rev. Eric Bascom's book, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit," is now on sale.

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Church News - continued...

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When the pavilion needed the special attention, the parish agreed to furnish the material for the roof and the Town supplied the manpower. If anyone wished to use the field for special occasions, the Town Recreation Office does all the scheduling.

We understand there are further plans to utilize the area, possibly for some senior citizen activities. It is so good to see the property in service.

The Boy Scouts from the Agawam Turnverein were a valuable asset in clearing the entrance area. They put in many hours to recover grown-over areas. We look forward to the ongoing help of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at the field.

Our sincere appreciation to all who gave of their time and effort to make all this possible.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Bazaar is on December 4th, and time is running short for the Raffle Returns. Prizes to be awarded on December 4th are \$500, \$300, and \$200.

Just drop your return envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. You can make a difference in the success of the Raffle and Bazaar!

The Committee is desperately in need of Attic Treasures, food for the Bountiful Basket, Useable Toys, and Jewelry and Jewelry Boxes.

The Plant Booth will be taking orders for Cemetery Logs. They will be on display in the Parish Center Foyer after the Masses this coming weekend. Orders can be placed with Angela Beaudry at 786-5408.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD

The Guild's annual Advent supper will be on Tuesday, December 7th, at Storowton Tavern. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Barbara at 786-7428 or Jean at 786-9451 before December 3rd.

The cost is \$20 per person.

THE GIVING TREE

Already it is time to start preparing for something that has become quite special for our parish family — the annual Giving Tree.

If you know of any needy family, please get the name to Sr. Mary Clare, our Pastoral Minister, 786-4499.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Our Parish Singles Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

The next meeting will be held on December 9th at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a Christmas Pot Luck Supper. Bring a dish to share, \$5, and a wrapped grab bag gift.

Call Joann, 789-0774, or John, 786-2273.

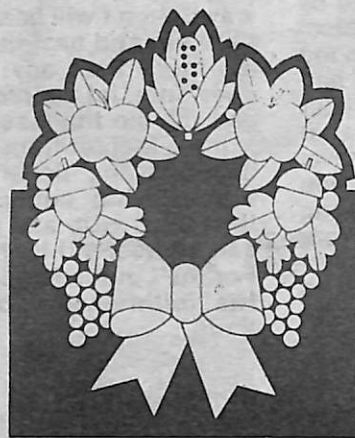
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The next meeting will be on December 2nd, featuring the "Blue Ribbon Singers" from West Springfield.

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THIS YEAR'S CHICKEN PIE SUPPER, which was held on Saturday, November 13th, at Feeding Hills Congregational Church and sponsored by the Ladies Benevolent Society, was co-chaired by Kathy Rose (left) and Bernice Burton. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



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Thanksgiving

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Proclamation designating the last Thursday of November to be a national holiday, as a Day of Thanksgiving. Long before that, however, people have celebrated feasts, or celebrations, of Thanksgiving. For example, it has long been the practice of Native Americans to offer thanks to the elemental spirits they perceive to be in the food they eat and the articles of nature they use. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, we look beyond the created things, and thank the Creator who made everything. We have much to thank Him for.

God is entitled to our thanksgiving, simply because God created us. It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. He gives us what we need, and can be counted upon. Don't be deceived, my dear friends. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

In truth, not everybody is satisfied with their lot in life. If we think we are being shortchanged by God, we should ask ourselves where the problem lays. What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something, but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Perhaps some of us are confusing needs with wants. Living as we do in a consumer-driven economy, and being constantly bombarded with

compelling advertisements through all the various media, it is not surprising that we might sometimes feel deprived. Obviously, the vast majority of us cannot possibly acquire even a fraction of the world's goods. But we need to stop and think; how much stuff do we really need?

The Bible says, godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

The Apostle Paul said, I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Jesus said, "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well."

Psalms 37 advises us, Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart, commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

Others may be harboring what the Bible calls "hindering sin," which blocks us from receiving God's blessings. God says, "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." God wants to bless us, more than any of us can ever really know! Therefore, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that easily entangles.

If we feel far from God, there is a simple way to begin getting closer to Him. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. Each of us can be assured that we are welcome before God. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Events And Activities At Sacred Heart Church In F. Hills

THE GIVING TREE

Soon you will share Thanksgiving with loved ones and start your Christmas preparations.

Please keep in mind the Annual Giving Tree, through which we share with those in our parish family who are homebound or less fortunate.

We will gratefully accept new, unwrapped gifts of warm clothing for all ages - infants to seniors, and toys - toddlers to teens, at all Masses the weekend of December 4th-5th. Cash donations may be made to Sr. Eileen (Sacred Heart, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030) to purchase specific needs - e.g., coats, boots, etc.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our parish is host to this year's area Catholic parishes' Advent Reconciliation Services. Please reserve Sunday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m. Many priests from other parishes will be available for confessions. Advent - time of waiting and preparing - is a wonderful time to receive the Sacrament.

6:00 P.M. MONDAY MASS & ROSARY

Beginning Monday, November 29th, there will be a 6:00 p.m. Mass. This Mass will replace the Monday morning 8:00 a.m. Mass permanently. Please come and join us each Monday evening immediately following Mass to Pray the Rosary for World Peace.

ENGAGED COUPLE GET-TOGETHER

A general information session is planned for couples who have set wedding dates in the year 2000 and plan on being married at Sacred Heart. Even though invitations have already been mailed to couples who have contacted the rectory, you are still invited to come. Please call the rectory. The date is Sunday, December 5th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ATTENTION EIGHTH-GRADERS

We are still in need of readers, greeters, ushers, and gift-bearers for our monthly children's liturgy to be held on Sunday, December 5th at 9:00 a.m. Please give your name to Mrs. Patterson at Religious Education or leave a message on her machine at 789-6705.

CHOIRS

We are still in need of men for our senior choir. Four-part harmony cannot be sung without men. Please come to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church.

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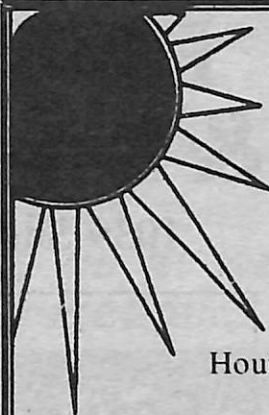
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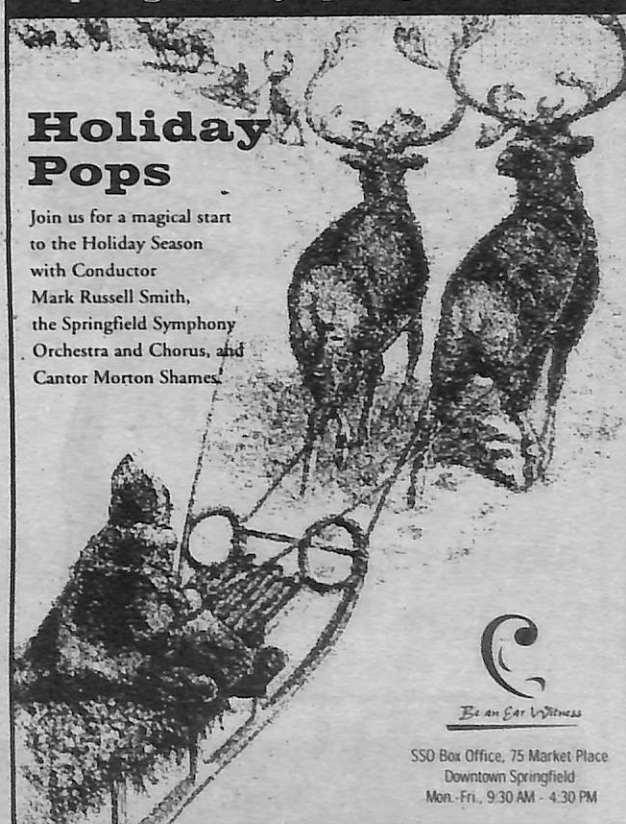
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Happenings At Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

This coming Sunday (November 28th) will be the first Sunday of Advent. Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Spiritual Activism." The Bible reading this week will be Luke 1:1-25. Confirmand Courtney Donaldson will be our Lector.

Ushers will be Bill and Kathy Rose. Nick Pelter and Jeff Chapman will be our acolytes. Sunday School students, who are invited to attend worship with adults, will leave at a designated time for their lessons.

Nursery care will be provided for the very young. Debbie Donaldson will be our Coffee Hour hostess.

To all those who are supporting the Gift & Promise special campaign, please remember your pledge on Sunday, November 28th.

The Flower Committee will be taking orders for Christmas poinsettias. The plants are only \$10 for a 7½-inch pot with eight to 10 flowers. Orders must be placed with the Committee by December 5th.

Flowers may be listed in the December 19th bulletin in memory or celebration of a family member or friend. Committee members are Sharon Rozanski, Betty Bava, and Margaret Johnson.

When you place your order, please let them know if you will take your plant home on that Sunday or donate it to a shut-in.

The Christian Ed. Committee is considering several options for an adult education program to be offered during January and February. The options include an in-depth study of a book of the Bible; an issue-based study such as what the Bible says about ecology and stewardship of the earth; or a book discussion group.

CE will develop a program based on which option garners the most interest. So let any member of CE know you area of interest by its next meeting date, December 13th, and plans will be made and announced after that date. Members are Evelyn Nodland, Li-Ling Waller, T.J. Chapman, and Lani Kretschmar.

We will once again have our Mitten Tree set up during the Advent season.

A collection of hats and mittens from the tree will be given to the Council of Churches for distribution.

The Parish Cupboard has made a special request for November and December donations. Here's what's needed most at this time: turkeys, canned hams, boxed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and canned vegetables.

Children's gifts are also needed.

The Deacons invite you to deck the halls! On Saturday, November 27th, we will gather at 6:00 p.m. to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

Come on and get into the spirit of the season!

The Confirmation class will meet at this church on Wednesday, December 1st, at 6:30 p.m.

On the calendar:

Saturday, November 27th: 6:00 p.m., Greening of the Church.

Sunday, November 28th: 10:00 a.m., Gift & Promise Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, November 29th: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, November 30th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, December 1st: 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, December 2nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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Catholic Women's Club Holds Communion Supper



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM held its annual Communion Supper at St. John's Parish Center on Monday, November 8th. IN LEFT PHOTO: the guests at the supper's head table — Joan Malinoski, Rev. David Joyce, Sister Mary Claire Finn, Rev. Howard McCormick, Angela Beaudry, and Jackie Toussaint. IN RIGHT PHOTO: front row — Rae Bean, Martha Jerry, Theresa Longo, Rose Toti, and Peg Altobelli; back row — Paula Raiche, Kay Capitanio, Adelle Gallano, and Eleanor Balboni.

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AT THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB'S annual Communion Supper: Rita Rourke, Laura Bouley, Margaret Mancinone, and Cathy McKenna. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES at the Communion Supper: Eileen McMahon, Mary Lens, Jackie Morgan, and Ruth Bitzas. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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ARE YOU READY?

Be ready, for the Son
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A teacher told his class that he would be going away for several weeks, and he offered to give a prize to the student whose desk he found in the best order when he came back. But he didn't tell them what day he would return.

Because the prize was big, each child was determined to get it, including a little girl whose desk was normally quite messy. Her classmates jeered, "Mary, you'll never win. Your desk is never neat."

"Oh, I plan to clean it the first of every week from now on."

"But," someone said, "suppose he comes at the end of the week?"

"Then I'll clean it every morning."

"But," another classmate persisted,

"He may come at the end of the day."

For a moment the child was silent in thought. Then she said decidedly, "I know what I'll do. I'll just keep it clean!"

If we want to receive our Lord's approval at His return, we must always be ready. Jesus did not tell us to "get ready," but rather to "be ready" (Mt. 24:44). We are to live constantly in a state of spiritual preparedness, anticipating the moment when He will appear and ask us to give account of our stewardship.

Are you ready for His return? — Henry G. Bosch

If you could know that Jesus would appear

Before another morn should give its light,

Oh, would your heart be filled with joy or fear,

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At The Annual Communion Supper



THIS YEAR ANNUAL COMMUNION SUPPER, sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam, took place at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center (833 Main Street, Agawam) on Monday, November 9th. From left to right: Terry Barlow, Eleanor Balboni, Nancy Doucette, and Kay Monahan. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



A CELEBRATION OF MASS preceded the annual Communion Supper, which featured a family-style dinner of chicken and pork. From left to right: Bea Hamel, Louise Moreno, Betsy Ciempa, and Carol Pignatare. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Guest Speaker Coming To Faith Bible Church On Thurs., Dec. 2nd

Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum will be the speaker at Faith Bible Church on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Fruchtenbaum is the Director of Ariel Ministries, a Messianic Jewish organization, composed of Jews and Gentiles who believe in the Messiahship of Jesus.

Dr. Fruchtenbaum was born in Siberia, Russia, after his parents were released from a Communist prison. He received Orthodox Jewish training while a young boy and came to New York with his family in 1951.

He received his training in theology at Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, and at Dallas Theological Seminary. He received his Ph.D from New York University. He studied Hebrew, archaeology, and ancient history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

It was during this time that the now historic Six-Day War broke out between Israel and the Arab nations. Because of his first-hand observations of this critical period in Israel's history, and his study of the role of the nation of Israel in God's plan of world redemption, he is often asked to speak in Bible conferences all over the United States and other parts of the world.

"Dr. Fruchtenbaum will be speaking on the topic, *The Modern State of Israel of Bible Prophecy*," Pastor James R. Jasmin of Faith Bible Church announced.

"Lucia Fest" Slated At St. Paul Lutheran Church On Dec. 12th

"Lucia Fest," a Swedish Lucia program, will be held on December 12th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Longmeadow.

This event is being sponsored by Brage-Iduna Lodge No. 9 and Three Crown Swedish Children's Club of the VASA Order of America.

Seminar Held Each Tuesday At Faith Bible Church

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled "The End Times."

Presented by Pastor James R. Jasmin, this series of Tuesday evening teachings will present current prophetic truths based on Scripture.

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Spotlight On Business

“HobbyCorner” Can Make Your Holiday Shopping A Bit Easier

With the holiday season quickly approaching, shopping has been made one stop easier with the opening of the new HobbyCorner of Agawam, owned and operated by Matt Moretti and his dad, Nino.

Located on Walnut Street Extension, just across from E.B's Restaurant and in the same plaza as Gino's Liquor Mart, Rackcliffe Locksmiths, and Walnut Street Dry Cleaners, this store carries an interesting mix of hobby, leisure, and gift products.

When we visited HobbyCorner, the first thing that caught our attention was the large glass display window featuring an operating model train and a wide sampling of products offered for sale. Once inside, shoppers are greeted by the owners and offered assistance in locating products.

While HobbyCorner carries traditional hobby products, such as model trains, planes, and model building kits, the store also sells products not normally found in hobby-based stores, such as hand-dyed yarn kits from Vermont, Queros leather travel accessories from Columbia, and for the eugine hobbyist, Breyer model horses.

HobbyCorner is one of a few stores in this part of the state to sell the beautiful “Corolle” dolls from France. The store offers a selection of science kits, rockets, paint sets, puzzles, kites, as well as new and refurbished computers and supplies to meet a variety of needs. A section of the store is being constructed for computer and hobby workshops to be offered on a regular basis after the holiday season.

The Morettis are not new to Agawam. Nino's family owned and operated the Federal Hill Club for over 40 years. They decided to open a contemporary hobby store to blend the interests each had developed in previous job experiences. Matt noted that, “We wanted a location where we could provide a good source of leisure products to individuals and organizations. In this day of superstores, discount chains, and de-personalized sales, you don't see many family-run, neighborhood stores which provide one-on-one customer services. We want to provide quality products and services in an atmosphere that's inviting to the whole family. If we don't have it in stock and it exists, we'll find it for the customer.”

HobbyCorner of Agawam is open every day except Sunday with extended hours during the holiday season. Their phone is (413) 821-9484. A 10 percent discount is being offered on all purchases through November. Purchases over \$25 (first 100) will receive a lifetime 10 percent discount.

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IN TOP PHOTO: “HobbyCorner,” a new business in Agawam, is located at 378 Walnut Street Extension (across from E.B's Restaurant). IN PHOTO BELOW: Co-owner Matt Moretti shows several of the various items that are now available at “HobbyCorner.” Advertiser

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NINO AND MATT MORETTI, the co-owners of "HobbyCorner," located at 378 Walnut Street Extension. This neat and well-organized store features many craft items to choose from, plus computers. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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The Small Necessities Leave Act (SNLA), G.L. c.149, section 52D, which went into effect August 4, 1998, provides up to 24 hours of unpaid leave per year to employees for "certain family obligations." The statute provides the following reasons that an employee can use leave:

- To participate in school activities directly related to the educational advancement of a son or daughter, such as parent-teacher conferences or interviewing for a new school.

- To accompany the son or daughter to routine medical or dental appointments, such as check-ups or vaccinations.

- To accompany an elderly relative to routine medical or dental appointments or appointments for other professional services related to the elder's care, such as interviewing at nursing or group homes.

The SNLA applies only to employers covered by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), 29 U.S.C. section 2601 et seq., i.e., those who have 50 or more employees. In addition, only employees who have worked for the employer for at least one year, for at least 1,250 hours in the prior year, and at a worksite that employs 50 or more employees there or within a 75-mile radius.

The SNLA incorporates certain other provisions of the FMLA (sections 2611 to 2615), which govern such issues as selecting the 12-month period to provide leave, substitution of paid leave, the use of intermittent leave, and job restoration.

Personnel Records Law Amendment

The Legislature amended the personnel records law, G.L. c. 149, section 52C, to require employers to allow an employee to review his or her personnel records within five business days of request, and to provide copies of personnel records within five business days of a written request.

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As many of you know, I publish an online newsletter for my clients named "The Pioneer Report." I've listed below some of this month's edition. If you would like to be on my e-mail list, please subscribe by contacting me at RaymondRose@aol.com. Thanks!

Pull up weeds ... or cut off their seed heads, before winter sets in. Problem: Leaving the weeds alone will not kill them, their seeds will stay dormant in the soil all winter, and next year's weed crop will be even bigger.

Lifesaver update ... Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. New Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 2034 standard (1997 revision) has stricter alarm requirements than the earlier standard. As a result, the possibility of nuisance alarms is decreased. Every home should have at least one CO alarm that meets the requirements of the most recent UL 2034 standard. Do not rely exclusively on detectors for protection - have home-heating appliances regularly inspected and maintained.

Beware: Returning TV-bought products can be difficult - and expensive ... Before buying anything advertised on TV, ask about the company's return and refund policy. If you do not get a straight, simple answer, do not buy the product. If you do buy, use a credit card so that you can turn to the card issuer for help in case of a dispute. If you decide to return something, follow instructions exactly ... even a slight deviation may lead to a refusal of the return.

Don't have the money for a down payment??? The Fresh Rate program, subsidized through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, lends homebuyers the three percent down payment needed to buy a home at a low, fixed interest rate. And, if the homeowner lives in the home for a 10-year period or longer, the loan of three percent is forgiven. Questions??? Leave them on my voice mail at 846-0961.

Vegetable oil gets paint off hands ... without exposing skin to the toxic paint thinner, gasoline, or kerosene. Ordinary vegetable oil will also remove wood stain and grease.

Reface kitchen cabinets instead of replacing them ... If the outer surfaces are worn, but the insides are in good shape. Refacing costs about half as much as replacement. And older cabinets were often built with more care than new ones - and with better materials. A good kitchen cabinet built 30 years ago may be better than many built today.

Here's wishing you the very best for a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

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Do you want to know what mortgage programs are best for you? Do you want to know what your home is worth? Do you have family and friends who may be interested in buying/selling a home? Do you need assistance in relocating? Would you like information on the prices of homes that have sold in your neighborhood? Simply e-mail your request or call me today!

Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RaymondRose@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online. It's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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CHAMBER MEMBERS GET A CLOSE-UP LOOK at the hi-speed printing production process at Millennium Press. From left to right: Director of Planning and Community Development Deborah Dachos, Joann McGeoghan, Ron LaRiviere of deRenzy Document Solutions, and Brook Ashby of Penfield Productions.

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Tours Millennium Press

Advances in printing technology were on display when a delegation of the Agawam Chamber recently toured Millennium Press on Silver Street in Agawam.

Jim and Kathy Sullivan demonstrated the tools used in the printing process from start to finish. They explained that high-tech electronic prepress and desktop publishing has changed the way they approach virtually every aspect of print production - from typesetting to color proofing.

The Chamber group got a close-up look at their newly installed, high-speed Komori 6 unit printer, capable of printing up to 15,000 pieces per hour. Jim Sullivan emphasized that while high-speed is in demand, the bulk of business is still in service to small- and medium-size customer needs.

Each month, the Agawam Chamber's Town/Business Relations Committee makes spotlight visits to member businesses in town.

The main objective is to increase awareness of successful local businesses and to hear how the town and Chamber can enhance their ability to grow. Businesses interested in hosting a spotlight tour may call Celia Lang at the Affiliated Chamber's office at 755-1307.

The Agawam Chamber will celebrate the season on December 10th at breakfast at Oak Ridge Country Club. Mayor-elect Rich Cohen will be the Chief Greeter. Dave Ratner, president of Dave's Soda & Pet City, will speak on how, "You Can Compete with the Big Guys."

Dick Garvey, Associate Publisher of the *Union News*, will speak about the 175-year celebration of the *Union News*. The Holiday Horns from Agawam High School will provide musical entertainment. The public is invited. Tickets are \$12 and available from the Chamber by calling Laurie Brunelle at the Affiliated Chamber's office at 755-1309.

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Asset Allocation — Building An Effective Portfolio...

If you're like many investors, you may be regularly tempted by tips on "hot" investments. Although we've heard stories of people who strike it rich day trading, people who utilize such an investment strategy may actually be hurting their portfolios' long-term performance.

So how should you become invested in the market? The answer for many successful investors has been to take direction from a strategy called "asset allocation." The following are some of the attributes of this investment strategy:

Diversification. One of the most appealing benefits of asset allocation is the direction it gives us in diversifying our portfolios. Tying your fortunes to a single high flyer may be tempting. But most of us can sense the danger in doing so, since stocks that go up fast may plummet just as rapidly.

Asset allocation diversifies your investments into many classes — so one investment's poor performance may be offset by another's rise and/or another's stability. This can help lower investment portfolio volatility.

Customization. Asset allocation lets you spread your dollars across stocks, bonds, and cash according to your particular goals, time frame, risk tolerance, and financial resources.

For example, a 25 year-old who has just started her career might choose a relatively aggressive stock/bond mix. Her main objective is capital growth, and she is less concerned about occasional market downturns.

Conversely, an individual in late retirement might hold a 20-70-10 stock/bond/cash mix to emphasize current income and minimize the risk of major setbacks in the market. (These two examples are relatively simple — most asset allocation models incorporate many more asset classes.)

Many of us might choose portfolios somewhere between these two examples. A knowledgeable financial advisor can be valuable in helping you examine your situation and determine a suitable asset combination.

Quantification. Does asset allocation really make a difference? History tells us that your returns are greatly influenced by how you allocate your investments among asset classes.

In fact, a respected study, "Determinants of Portfolio Performance" (Brinson, Hood and Beebower, *Financial Analysts Journal*, May-June 1991), showed that 91 percent of a portfolio's performance can be traced to its investment allocation strategy.

Asset allocation's overwhelming influence on your returns means you can worry less about:

- **When to invest.** Because you've set a fixed allocation of specific investments, market timing should be less of a temptation. However, if you financial situation changes and you decide to buy or sell securities, rely on your asset allocation model to help restructure your portfolio.

- **What to buy or sell.** Again, setting your asset allocation and maintaining it helps keep you from randomly buying or selling securities according to today's market buzz. You purchase more of one investment if it falls below your allocation, or sell another if it expands beyond its set percentage. In most cases, rebalancing reinforces a "buy low — sell high" discipline.

The best way to start your asset allocation strategy is to work with a financial advisor who can help you examine your situation and create a portfolio that's likely to achieve your objectives while allowing you to sleep at night. Once you've set your various investment allocations, invest your money accordingly.

You can allocate your investments all at once or you can make changes gradually (over six months or a year), whichever is most comfortable for you. Once invested, recheck your portfolio's asset percentages every year and rebalance when necessary.

Asset allocation may sound complex, but it's really a way to make investing simpler and more effective. So why not get started today?

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Holiday Open House At Surprise!



ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, a Holiday Open House was held at Surprise! Card & Gift Shop, 838 Suffield Street, Agawam (at the Southgate Shopping Center). IN PHOTO BELOW: Salesperson Candice Bigos and Surprise! owner Bob McElligott stand in front of just some of the gifts that are being offered for this Christmas season. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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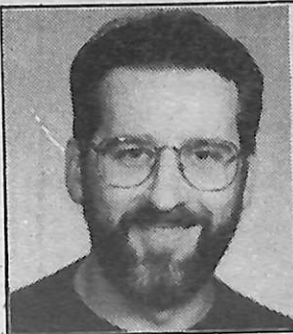
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When It Is Hard To Give Thanks...

I'm assuming many of you may be reading this post-Thanksgiving Day. Depending on how you celebrated the day, if at all, you may have been primarily on the receiving end of a lot of preparation by others or perhaps you may also have provided service to others.

For example, you may have participated at the special meal provided by the parish association at Feeding Hills Congregational Church for our community. Others of you may have been instrumental in donating food or helping out at other area functions. Or maybe yours was a quiet, alone day hoping for an invitation to be with others that never came.

However the day went for you and loved ones, the atmosphere of giving and gratitude was central to the day. Or was it?

For many people the thought of "having to" get together with family detracts from the opportunity to give thanks. Perhaps a kind deed goes undone due to the pressures surrounding the gathering.

Is Thanksgiving Day just like any other day when we find ourselves working too hard with little to no appreciation coming back our way? Is it all about over-eating and over-drinking, hearing old hurtful stories once again dusted off for the occasion? Is it all about not one, but two football games dominating and distracting from "family life"?

Maybe you can't relate to any of what I've just described. Thank God! Count your blessings! But perhaps your picture is that bad and even worse. Perhaps your family picture had or has the appetizer as some "old-ugly" ways of doing family business. Followed by a main course of some serious family stress and anxiety. Topped off with a dessert of domestic violence. This is a serious setting for many families, especially during holidays, but not uncommon to everyday living.

Is there really any reason for giving thanks?

Is the idea of giving thanks to God and for one another a distant concept or perhaps a very real, intimate part of your regular day and life? **Is there room for you to give thanks for you?** Can you even see or experience the unique individual that you are with so much potential? Or are you stuck living out someone else's violent, abusive version of life?

Are you one of those people whose part in the picture of Thanksgiving Day reflects numbness, depression, violence, verbal abuse, and/or hurtful storytelling? Or are you on the painful side of feeling frozen in time, feeling helpless to affect any change for you and/or for those you care about? Do you regretfully gather at the obligatory family events once or twice a year?

If your life experience was and/or is like this or you fear may turn into this, then you may be faced with the challenge to claim hope! Seeking the support and help to begin the difficult process of individual and systemic change will be necessary. Maybe you can receive or be an instrument of God to someone else who is in need of receiving your life experience that truly reflects the meaning and spirit of a giving heart, a yearning heart, a thankful heart.

"Let's Talk about it" is a regular weekly feature from Dan Pender, MA., M.F.T. Marriage & Family Therapist. Dan maintains a private practice in Agawam, MA. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy. He is also a local professional Church educator and can be reached by e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449) or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-4460. Please respond with your feedback, relationship questions and topics and "Let Talk about it."

Breast Cancer Support Group At Mercy Hosp.

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet December 7th and 21st, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

The group is open to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer or who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.



DR. ARMEN ASIK

Dr. Armen Asik Joins Hematology/Oncology Dept. At Baystate

Agawam resident Dr. Armen Asik, an oncologist, has joined the Department of Hematology/Oncology at Baystate Medical Center.

Dr. Asik, who received his medical degree from the University of Istanbul in Turkey, completed his residency in internal medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and his hematology/oncology fellowship at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston.

Before coming to Baystate, Asik was a physician in the City of Chicago's Department of Health. He is a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Asik is fluent in English, German, Armenian and Turkish.

New patients are welcome and most area insurance plans are accepted. To schedule an appointment, call 413-794-2515.

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Fitness Tips...

**by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
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Maintain, Don't Gain

FREEZE! Proceed slowly and conscientiously from this point forward and nothing too tragic will occur! The holidays are here. Please, don't start a weight loss program or new adventure now.

Change the focus a little. Concentrate on maintaining if the holidays are usually a tough time for you. This next month or so means an extra eight pounds of fat to some people. Don't let this be you. There is a lot of information out now to teach you some strategies to make it through the holidays. Here are some that I've found work well.

First of all, try real hard not to miss your workout. It is tempting to use that hour or two elsewhere, but now is not the time. If you must skimp, cut it a little short, but increase the intensity. This is especially true for your cardio work. If you usually do 45 minutes, do 30 minutes at a higher intensity. Really get uncomfortable. Don't waste one second. If you've got a party to go to, all the more reason not to miss your workout.

You'll feel better afterward and it will be fresh on your mind that you like to take care of your body. The main basic problem with the holidays is an increase in overall calorie intake every week for about six weeks. Don't also cut down the amount of calories you are burning each week.

Be sure to have something healthy and wholesome before the gatherings. The worst thing you can do is not eat all day because you plan on overdoing that night. Your intentions are appropriate; but your strategy is a little off. Don't arrive hungry. You'll eat everything, and tons of it. Eat healthy all day and arrive content so the appetizers don't look so much better than they actually are.

Think about why you are going to this get-together. Is it to visit and celebrate the holiday with people you enjoy? Keep the reason in mind. You are not going to see how much food and drink actually fit into the stomach. Enjoy the company, visit, socialize, and relax.

Alcohol, even in moderate amounts on a much too regular basis, can pack on the calories. Sure, it's fat free, but too much empty calories pack fat on quickly. Try substituting every other drink for alcohol. Cut your intake by half and cut your calories by half, and cut your weight gain in half.

You see, if you plan and compensate here and there, you can get through this with little to no gain in body fat.

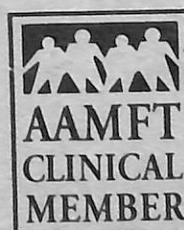
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For Your Health - continued...



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Children's Diets Lack Calcium

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) published a new policy statement on calcium intake for children and adolescents in the November issue of *Pediatrics*. The statement encourages pediatricians to recommend milk, cheese, yogurt, and other calcium-rich foods for children's daily diets. According to the policy, calcium is critical in building bone mass.

The new AAP policy statement comes at a time when government studies have shown that a larger percent of children in America do not meet current calcium recommendations. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, nearly half of children ages three to five do not meet daily calcium needs; and nearly nine out of 10 teen girls and seven out of 10 boys fail to get enough calcium.

"Children are facing a calcium crisis," states Nancy Sandbach, MS, RD, LDN, director of nutrition education for New England Dairy & Food Council. "As a dietitian, I'm thrilled that the AAP has issued a statement that highlights the importance of getting enough calcium, especially from food."

The policy statement recommends children get calcium through food first, as the eating patterns

they develop during childhood are usually the eating patterns they will follow throughout their life. The AAP recommends that children aim for 800 mg of calcium each day, the equivalent of approximately three eight-ounce servings of milk a day. Pre-teens and teens should aim for 1,200 to 1,500 mg of calcium, the equivalent of at least four eight-ounce servings of milk.

"It is especially crucial for teens to meet their calcium needs because 50 percent of bone mass is developed during the teen years," says Sandbach. The *Pediatric* article also reiterates that adequate calcium intake during childhood is necessary for the development of a maximal peak bone mass and that low calcium intakes may be an important risk factor for fractures in adolescence.

"Children who get enough calcium when they are young are on their way to having strong bones as they get older, which can help them prevent developing osteoporosis," comments Sandbach. "Osteoporosis is really a pediatric disease with geriatric consequences. Through the simple steps of having milk with meals, kids can help themselves avoid the disease."

Additional steps to include more calcium in children's diets include:

- Serve chocolate milk as a snack.
 - Make hot chocolate with milk instead of water.
 - Give kids a bowl of cereal with milk for breakfast.
 - Have yogurt on hand for easy snacks.
 - Top vegetables with melted cheese.
 - Sneak milk into recipes like soups or oatmeal.
- Next Week: "Soy Products May Reduce The Risk of Heart Disease."

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Support Group On How To Stop Smoking At Mercy Hospital

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Monday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

Sponsored by the Providence Hospital Tobacco Control Program, the group offers services including individual counseling, cessation groups, alternative health referrals, nicotine replacement therapy, education, and motivational support.

For more information, call the Tobacco Control program, (413) 493-2039 or (413) 535-1000.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS' member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

Cancer Support Group Meetings At Mercy Hospital In Spfld.

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

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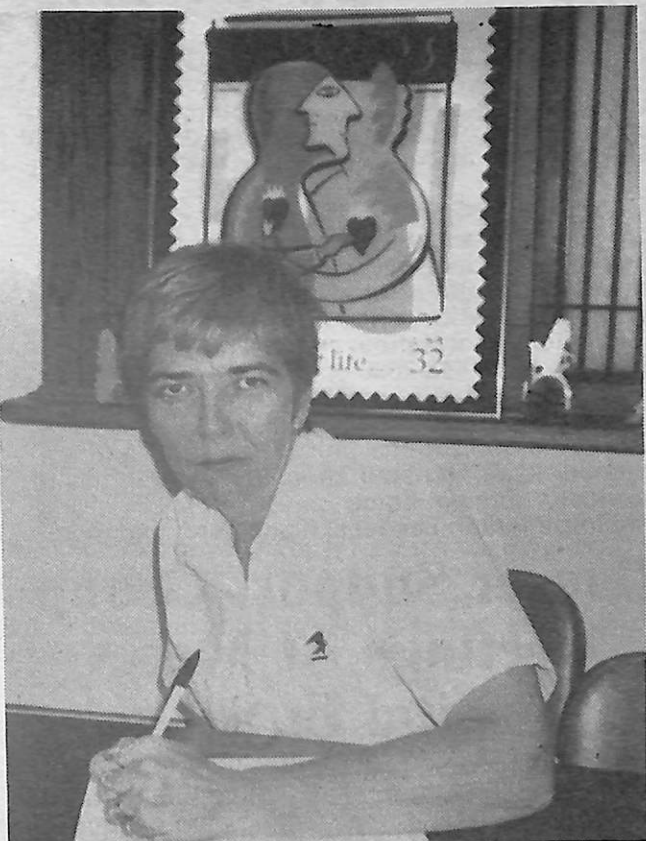
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Bone Marrow Drive At Local Post Offices...



IN TOP PHOTO: Feeding Hills postal employee Francine Lopes fills out one of the forms to be a potential donor during the November 17th bone marrow drive. IN PHOTO BELOW: Phlebotomist Geri Morris prepares to take blood to see if poster worker Ron Gamble is a possible donor. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



ON NOVEMBER 17TH, a bone marrow drive was conducted at the Agawam and Feeding Hills Post Offices. These drives are conducted to identify volunteers who will donate bone marrow to individuals with diseases that are treatable by bone marrow transplants. IN PHOTO ABOVE: Darlene Kedzior and Domenic Battista (who coordinate drives with the United States Postal Office throughout Western Massachusetts and the state of Vermont), and Lisa Desroches of the HLA Registry (Human Leukocyte Antigens). IN PHOTO BELOW: Postal worker Marcia Terrell and phlebotomist Geri Morris. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Blood Drive Slated For December 7th At West Springfield Town Hall

Not sure what to give this holiday? How about giving the "Gift of Life?" The American Red Cross and the West Springfield Police Department will be holding a very important Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 7th at the West Springfield Town Hall, 26 Central St.

The drive will run from 1:00-7:00 p.m. and will help replenish much-needed blood supplies during this holiday season.

As a special thank you for "Giving the Gift of Life," each donor will receive a pass to the Showcase Cinemas and a coupon for a "Bloom-in Onion" at the Outback Steakhouse.

Giving blood is easy and completely safe. It only takes a few minutes to donate and the complete process, from registration to relaxing at the canteen, is usually about one hour. One hour of time and one unit of blood can save the lives of three people.

To make an appointment to donate blood or if you have any question regarding donating, call 785-0901. Walk-in donors are always welcome.



Meeting For Children Of Area Cancer Patients

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of area cancer patients have that opportunity, through a support group which meets monthly at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, December 6th,

7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

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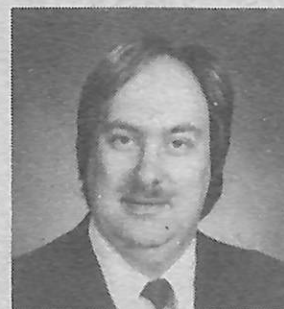
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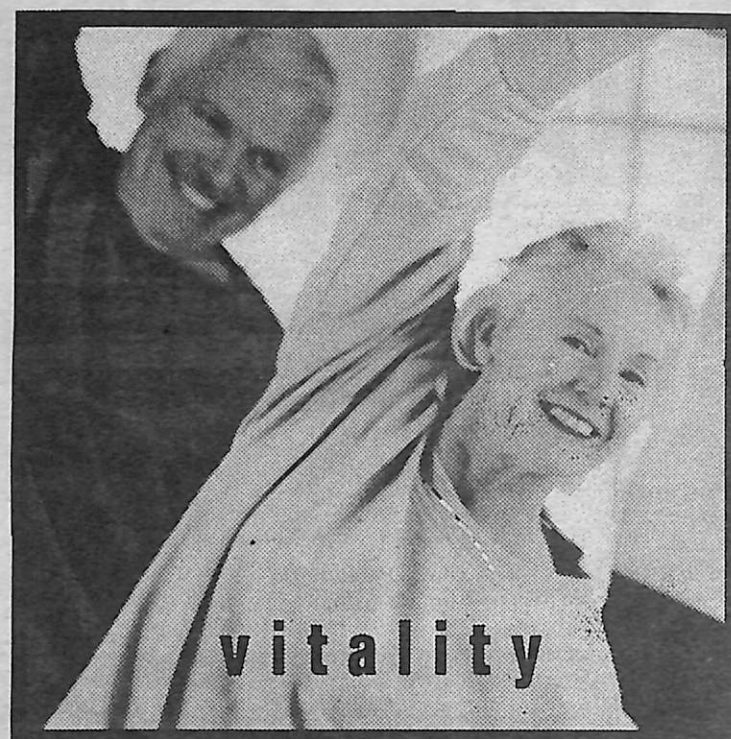
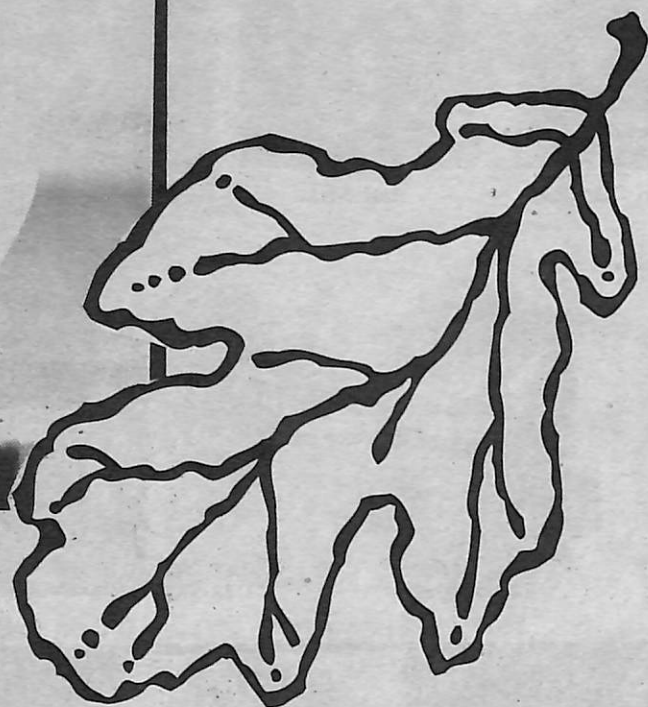
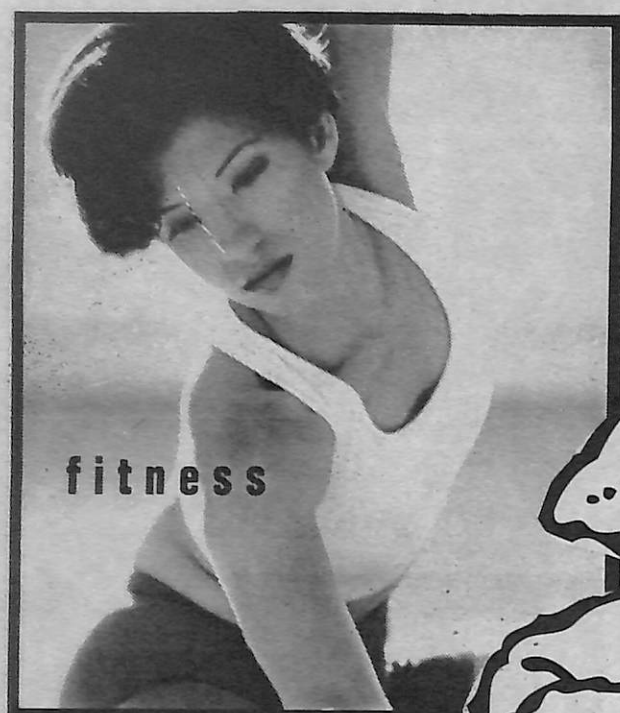
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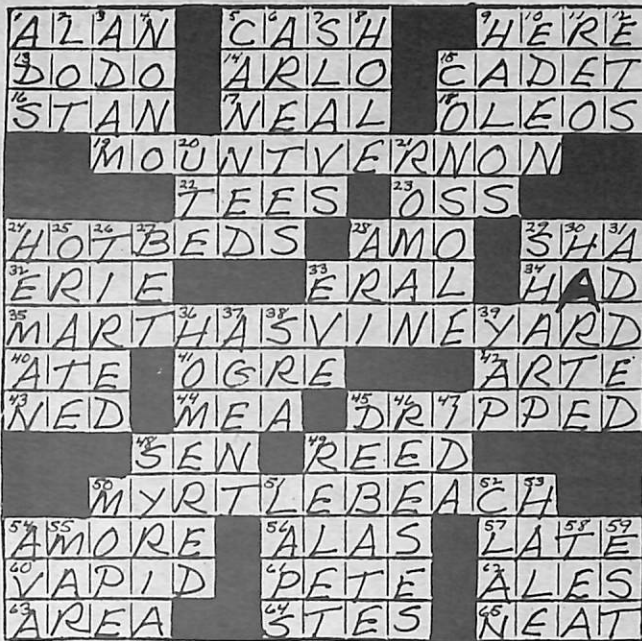
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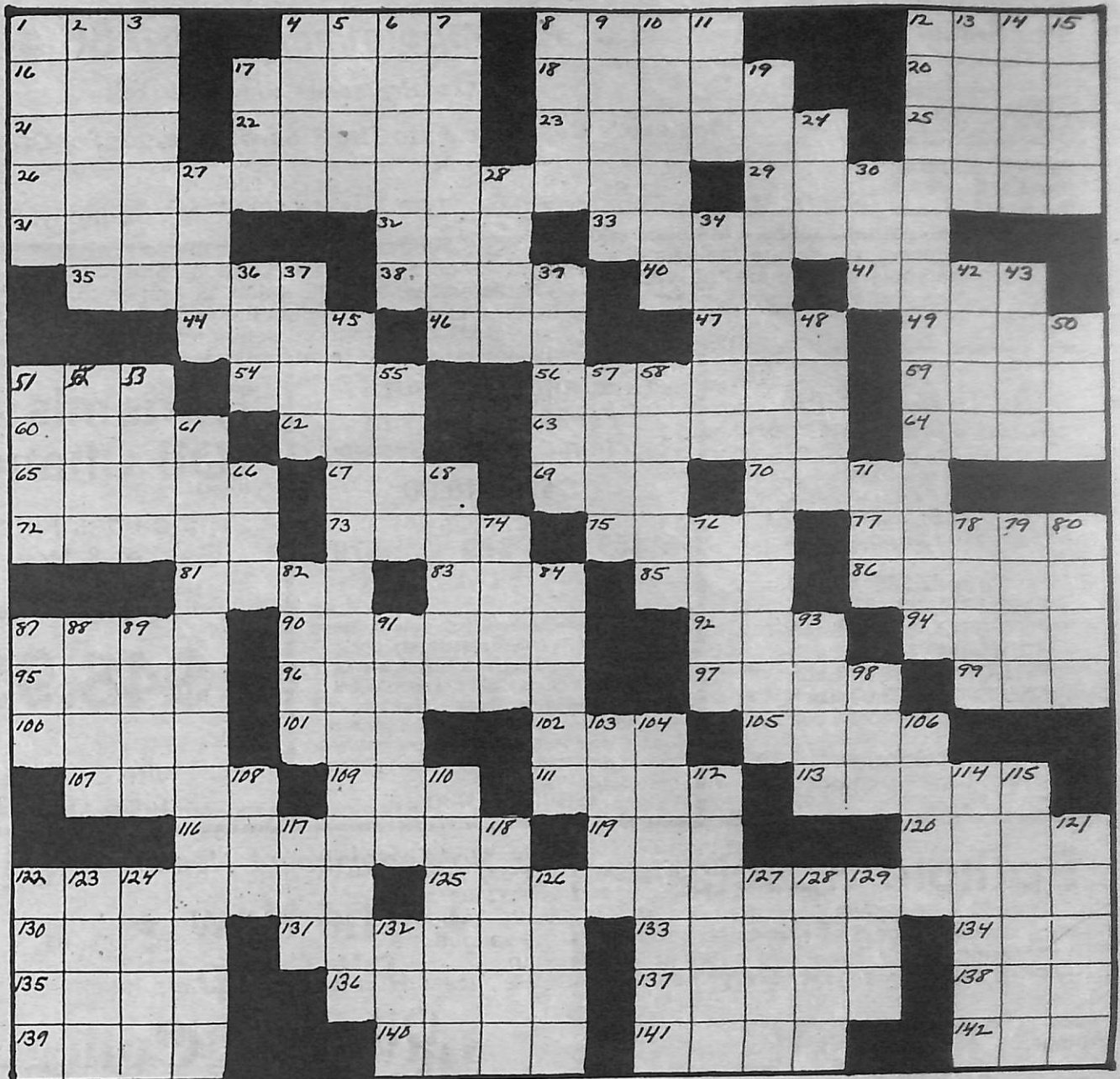
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Admission to this yearly concert is \$3 and two canned goods or \$5 without the canned goods. Proceeds from this yearly event are for the benefit of the Parish Cupboard (formerly the Open Pantry). There will be holiday music galore and many fun-filled surprises.

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"Yuletide At Storowton" On December 4th And 5th

Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum will present its annual, free winter holiday festival, "Yuletide at Storowton," on Saturday and Sunday, December 4th and 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This weekend-long event is full of holiday delight for the holiday family, and takes place in the historic Village on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

Several area garden clubs, florists, and designers will generously donate their time, expertise, and materials to decorate the Village's historic buildings for the holidays, according to event Chairperson Pat Byrne.

Participating clubs and florists will include the Agawam, East Longmeadow, Springfield, Westfield, and West Springfield Garden Clubs; Floral Concepts by Tom of Agawam; Friends of Grandmother's Garden of Westfield; and Full Circle Farm of Somers, CT. Storowton Village volunteers, who will serve as costumed guides for the event, and the landscaping team of the Eastern States Exposition will also join to deck the halls of Storowton in seasonal splendor.

The Jack Frost "Welcome the Winter" parade will kick off the Yuletide excitement at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 4th. Adults and children are invited to dress as their favorite interpretation of winter outdoors or winter's nature. All participants will parade around the Village Green and compete for prizes. The parade begins in front of the Meeting House, and all participants will receive a prize ribbon. (Rain date for the parade is Sunday, December 5th, at 11:30 a.m.)

Holiday musical performances will emanate from the Village's Meeting House to fill visitors with holiday cheer. Warm to the Sound of New England Sweet Adelines, sponsored by the West Springfield Arts Council; The Central High School Madrigal Singers; and the High School of Science and Technology Acappella Choir. Bell ringers and the Judy Denos Dance Group will also perform.

The Meeting House is home to a rare (c. 1820) Henry Pratt Gallery organ, one of only three still in existence. Storowton organist Virginia Heyl will demonstrate the beauty and richness of this instrument.

Dennis Picard, historian and director of Storowton Village Museum, will present a seasonal talk titled "Winter Wonderland: A Historic Perspective of the Time of Year" in the Meeting House. Jennifer Blum will present storytelling.

Ice-sculpting demonstrations will take place on both Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on the Village Green, which will also be the site of sheep dog demonstrations both days from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The 19th-century crafts of blacksmithing, fireplace cooking, broom making, basket making, and lace making, as well as presentations on quilting and spinning, will be demonstrated daily. Each day will close with caroling and a tree-lighting ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on the Gazebo.

Other special activities will include a visit with an old-fashioned Santa and a petting zoo.

Delectable treats will be available in the Holiday Sweet Shoppe in Potter Mansion and holiday gift items and decorations will be sold at the Storowton Village Gift Shop in the Phillips House. Both shops are open during the event, and the Storowton Village Gift Shop will remain open Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., through December 18th.

The Village will also offer free, guided Holiday House Tours December 6th-11th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., providing visitors with an opportunity to enjoy the Village's quaint dwellings beautifully decorated for the season. Tours may be combined with a hearty lunch at Storowton Tavern.

Additional holiday events at the Eastern States Exposition will include the New England Holiday Antique Show in the Young Building from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the New England Yuletide Craft Spectacular in the Stroh Building Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information on Yuletide events, call the Village at (413) 787-0136, or the Eastern States Exposition at (413) 737-2443.

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Christmas Comedy Coming To The Red Door Theatre In Feeding Hills

Looking for an unusual evening of holiday entertainment? Then, look no further than the RED DOOR THEATRE at 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, as the Hilltop Players Family Theatre presents their final show of the millennium — "SCROOGE - A Traveling Travesty in 2 Tumultuous Acts." Margie Secora of Southwick directs this comical retelling of the Dickens classic, which will be presented Friday and Saturday, December 3rd and 4th, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 5th, at 2:00 p.m.

"Our spring production of 'An Evening of Culture' met with such success that we thought we'd try another play by the same playwright," said Secora of Mark Landon Smith. "His characters are a joy to watch as well as to perform, and the way he puts them into impossible situations makes for an evening of side-splitting laughter."

In this adaptation, an English traveling troupe attempts to put on their 15th Annual Farewell Performance of "The Christmas Carol." The problem is two-fold; their seven-member cast is trying to perform 39 parts, and their lead actress — Mrs. Bettina Salisbury — has called in ill. Midway through the show, however, she decides to take back her role from young understudy Cynthia Im-

bry. Pandemonium ensues as they both appear as the same characters, leaving their hapless fellow actors to ad-lib their way through an already-disastrous production.

Marilene Allen of Agawam takes charge as Bettina Salisbury, and Wendy Birchall of Southwick struggles through her lines (placed strategically throughout the set and props).

Margie Secora lends her acting talents to the show as Cordelia Ffolkes Fortesque Woods, who (along with Dame Salisbury) gives the production the look and feel of a WWF championship match. Darcy Banks of Granville and Scott Belisle of Agawam, who play several different roles, try to maintain some semblance of order in the chaos that surrounds them.

Gene de Jongh of Feeding Hills as Scrooge and Lyle Pearsons of Suffield as Cratchitt, Marley & Fezziwig plow through their performances, hoping no one will notice that the show is literally falling down around them.

Those who wish to attend the fight ... ah ... production, can call (413) 789-2026 for ticket reservations. Tickets (which are going fast) are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and children under 12.

Don't let your Christmas be a HUMBUG. Ho, Ho, Ho your way to the Red Door Theatre!

Travel Program By Area Art Instructor At Agawam Library

The Agawam Cultural Council's "First Friday" series program on December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library will be Charles Hayward.

Hayward is an area artist and former art instructor, and presently is travel coordinator with his wife, Irene, at the Springfield Fine Arts Museum.

He was instructed at an early age in the arts at the Quadrangle children's classes. For many years, he has been involved in teaching the arts in the various mediums at the museum and at Bay Path.

He presently is involved with the travel pro-

grams for the museum, and stated this is one of the most active of museum travel programs in the country. They have approximately 36 programs per year; two-thirds of them are day trips in this country, and one-third are trips overseas.

Hayward stated he enjoys traveling to the fascinating countries and especially the historic areas and museums when possible. His program at the library will include slides of his travels.

The "First Friday" series is offered at no charge and is open to the public, and is presented by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Bay Path College Slates Holiday Concert And Service Of Lights

Bay Path College will present its annual Holiday Concert and Service of Lights on Wednesday, December 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall on the Longmeadow campus of the four-year college for women. The event is open to the public with no charge for admission.

Featured will be Bay Path's 28-voice Chorale, and its smaller singing group, the Keynotes, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Charles E. Page. They will perform selections from Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, and other English carols, including *Past Three*

O'Clock and Gustav Holst's *In The Bleak Mid-Winter*. Seasonal readings by student members of the college's Interfaith Council and the college chaplains will also be included in the program, as well as an opportunity for the audience to join in singing familiar carols. The program will conclude with the well-known *O Holy Night* of Adolphe Adam.

Following the event, the audience is invited to Blake Student Center dining room for a reception and light musical entertainment by the Keynotes.

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AHS Hosts International Weekend For AFS

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

The American International Program's (AFS) International Weekend held last month at Agawam High School provided great opportunities for youths from all over the world to enjoy each other's company and to learn about people from different cultures.

Mary Ellen Bruce, who serves as faculty advisor for the two AFS students at AHS (Elena Cattoni of Italy and Marcello Gonzales of Bolivia) and the school's AFS Student Club, felt that the weekend was very successful. "The AFS Student Club is a group of about 40 kids from freshmen to seniors who are interested in international studies and who will perhaps travel some day with some international organization. The whole purpose is to provide activities for the Agawam High School members and the international students so they can get to know each other."

A 10-Year Tradition

Agawam AFS has been sponsoring the October weekend for over 10 years. "This year, we were also privileged to help the New England Regional office with the fall orientation for the Western Massachusetts AFS students," Ms. Bruce tells us. She also takes on the responsibility of matching visiting students with local club members and recruiting host families for the visiting students to live with for the four-day event.

Even though there is a strong support system for the AFS students, they have to attend area or regional orientation programs throughout the year three or four times. "Combining the Western Mass. orientation program with our international weekend worked out extremely well," says Ms. Bruce. "A lot of friendships were kindled because of the weekend and these will last throughout the year and even may last further into the future."

AFS International, originally named American Field Service, has been active in Agawam for over 25 years. It was begun over 50 years ago internationally as a way of bringing young people together in a positive way.

According to Dan Lacienski of Feeding Hills, chairman of the AFS Community Board's Bus Stop Committee and the October Orientation Committee, "The weekend went over well. We got to show off our town and we had great support from the community as well, particularly Bruno's Pizza of Feeding Hills, who put on a pizza party at their place after the Saturday night hayride."

"A lot of the success is due to our having an active Agawam chapter. We've visited places with our two AFS students at the High School like Salem and Rockport, Boston and New York, and we spent Columbus Day climbing Mount Greylock. We'll probably go to *The Nutcracker* or some similar event at Christmas," said Lacienski.

Lacienski explained his role as the Orientation Weekend Chairman and group discussion leader. "These are still young people and no matter what their accent, they are still kids. A universal issue is curfews (with host families). In certain other countries, there are no curfews. Europeans go over borders to other countries like we go from state to state. And our schools are a lot easier than those of many other countries. In South America, for example, the students have to maintain an academic standing or go to private schools and their parents have to pay!"

"We discussed peer pressure and differences. Dress codes are in most other countries, and our visitors were surprised at the lack of dress codes here," he said.

Lacienski was interested in the ways in which the students assimilated into peer groups. "The students who made friends or found peer groups most easily were those with something in common, such as athletics or music. I also noticed that it seemed easier for boys to find peer groups than it was for the girls."

Agawam families opened their homes and the Agawam AFS Committee showed up for all of the activities the entire weekend. There were 60 people or better at the closing Sunday brunch. There is no doubt the experiences of both members and hosts were valuable in many ways, according to Lacienski.

AFS international students who come from all parts of the world have been living with host families around the region for the school year. For the Agawam International Weekend, they were placed with weekend host families in town. For example, a student from Sweden might be spending a year with a family in Athol, but for the AFS



THE AFS STUDENT CLUB welcomed guests from all over the world for the recently held International Weekend. From left to right: Edwin Torres, Julie Derouwaux (Belgium), Mary Ellen Bruce (faculty advisor for Agawam High's two AFS students and the AFS Student Club), and Marylen Grozinger (Germany). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

International Weekend, that student would have stayed with a host family from Feeding Hills or in Agawam.

A Weekend Of Activities & Excitement

From Thursday through Sunday, there were activities and excitement scheduled. An ice cream party from 4:00-5:00 p.m. launched the fun in the AHS teachers' cafeteria, where hosting students picked up the international guests. Other AFS members were invited as well. AHS Student Club president Nicole Ghaname, a senior, and vice-president Lissa Asta-Ferrero, a sophomore, were in charge.

On Friday, hosting students from AHS brought international guests to periods one, two, and three with teacher permission. Guests were informed of school rules. When possible, guests and hosts attended fourth period for discussion on exchange programs. Periods five, six, and seven involved the orientation meeting when Lacienski held the discussion.

On Friday evening, there was a home football game between Agawam and Holyoke. Ms. Bruce gave hosting students money for the guests and the group tried to stay together for what proved to

be an exciting game.

On Saturday, there was a scavenger hunt at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Students brought their own picnic items to share and there were prizes for the winners. Saturday night, there was a hayride and bonfire at Crowley's Farm and the pizza party at Bruno's. Expenses were covered by the AFS Community Board.

Sunday brunch was from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and was held at student Caroline Scherpa's home in Feeding Hills. International guests were picked up to return to their homes. Each Agawam student brought a contribution to the breakfast, such as donuts, muffins, or fruit.

There will be many wonderful memories because of International Weekend. For the young people, these memories will be with them over their entire lifetimes.

AFS Community Chapter members who also played a key role in the planning and the execution of the weekend included co-vice-presidents Karen Asta-Ferrero and Lee Lacienski, and board member Pat Asta-Ferrero.

Ms. Bruce also expressed deep gratitude to the Agawam host families as well.

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At AFS's Ice Cream Party...



DURING AFS'S RECENTLY HELD International Weekend, an ice cream party held in the AHS teachers' cafeteria kicked off the festivities. From left to right: Marcello Gonzales of AHS (Bolivia), Nicole Ghaname (president of the AFS Club at Agawam High), Lissa Asta-Ferrero (vice-president of the AFS Club), and Johan Ehlin (Sweden). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THE AFS INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND provided its participants with memories that will last a lifetime. Back row: Simon Tyrberg (an AFS Swedish exchange student who attended AHS in 1997-1998 and recently returned for a vacation) and Pierre Marchand (Belgium). Front row: Keylea Ursprung and Crystal Place. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Locals Attain Honor Roll At St. Mary's School In Longmeadow

The following local students have been named to the honor roll for the first quarter at St. Mary's School in Longmeadow.

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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
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A few years ago, a former student shared with me his feelings of sadness. He was wondering if life simply involved going to work each day, perhaps squeezing in a little bit of fun time, and then going to bed at night and beginning the whole routine again. To him, it seemed as if a bus were going by quickly and he was standing off to the side, not truly embracing life.

He questioned if it got any better. Immediately I thought, "Yes, it does," but then I began to let my mind wander back to when I was on the brink of 30 and amazingly felt similar to how he was feeling; the only difference is, in my 50's, I now know why — I had never stopped to smell the roses!

I had to make each minute count, but in so doing, I was unable to appreciate any minute and after a time, I began to get burned out.

Every few days, we have to take our cars in to get refueled; yet, we don't allow ourselves to refuel. We need to stop ourselves, regroup, and just think about the beauty around us and the fact that we just ARE. So, on a recent morning, as the water flowed freely in the shower, I let it flow freely over me, allowing my mind to stop its frenetic motion.

I began to think about the forthcoming holiday of Thanksgiving. Since I equate this holiday with family, I began to think of the family that would be present to share in this wonderful holiday, and realized that this is why this holiday is probably my favorite because during this time, family, warmth, and love surround me.

Thinking of those who will be seated around the table, I wax sentimental. I ponder the candles with their flames burning brightly, and am reminded of the light and brightness that my family has brought into my life. Each, in his or her own way, has left an indelible mark on me and has helped to shape me into the person I am today.

I think of my three sons and how much I have learned from them. From sports, to schoolwork, to relationships, sloppy rooms, fun and laughter, we have shared it all. Yet, how often have I really stopped to appreciate what they have imparted to me? How often have I truly shared with them how much they mean to me? Yes, maybe a hug, a gesture of warmth has shown my feelings, but what have I voiced?

Now, two of my sons are married with wonderful, caring wives. My other son has a special girlfriend. Do I make them feel welcome? I think of my dear mother, aging before my eyes. Regrettably, I am unable to stop this process, yet, luckily, I have a legacy of memories of good times that we have shared, but have I continually let her know how much she has meant in my life?

I muse about my granddaughter, a true light in my life, in part a continuation of me. What will life hold for her? Will I reach out to her, praise her, encourage her, and be a constant in her life?

And there's my husband, my helpmate, my soulmate, the one who angers me, cheers me, comforts me, and is just there for me. Do I let him know how I feel? Have I shared my thanks and thoughts with him? Have I stopped to truly ponder what he has meant in my life?

And so it goes. I could think the same thoughts, and I do, of friends and siblings. Yet, again, have I shared these thoughts? I remember a former student coming into my office. Very distraught, he regretted that he had not shared feelings with a certain person. "If only..." he kept repeating, as if it were a mantra.

After I had spoken to that former student, I decided not to be caught up one day in the "if only..." I decided to write down my feelings concerning those who would be gracing my Thanksgiving table and share those feelings at the table. Thinking back, I can still see the flickering flames, and their faces listening so intently to my words.

After dinner, several asked if I would make them copies of what I had said. Clearly, they were deeply moved and so was I. Luckily, I was able to realize how blessed I am and share those feelings.

Unfortunately, two years later, one seat around our table was empty. My precious, wonderful dad had died, yet how comforted I was to know that I had shared my feelings with him.

This Thanksgiving, cherish each one around your table. Perhaps even have each person present at the table say what he/she is thankful for (most students that I asked in school said "family.")

Share with them your feelings; let them know how special they are in your life. Do stop and smell the roses. I know you will find their fragrance sweet.

To all of you, I wish a happy Thanksgiving. May you be warmed by the love of family and friends. May your lives be bountiful with joy and health.

Rosemary Sandlin Visits Clark School...



ROSEMARY SANDLIN, a member of the Agawam School Committee, recently paid a visit to Clark Elementary School, where she read to the pupils. The schools in Agawam welcome the opportunity to have local leaders and businesspeople come in and read to their students.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Slated For Friday, December 3rd...

"Charity Auction" Sponsored By Agawam Middle School

The Agawam Middle School Charity Auction will take place on Friday, December 3rd, at the Agawam Polish American Club on Route 57 in Feeding Hills.

The preview begins at 6:00 p.m., and the bidding will commence at 7:00 p.m.

The admission is a \$3 donation per family, and tickets will be sold at the door. The auctioneer will be Mr. Joe Rossi.

The auction will feature team autographed sports memorabilia from the Bruins, Flyers, Devils, Rangers, Falcons, Boston Celtics, Yogi Berra, and Bobby Orr, plus a whole lot more.

In addition, there will be a wide array of items to bid on, including limo service, college for kids, a Fitness First membership, restaurants, hair salons, savings bonds, Symphony Orchestra tickets, hotel stays, Bright Nights, and so much more.

This will be a very exciting evening, so please come out to support the local Middle School. The timing for this event is perfect, as the items from this auction will make great gifts for the holidays.

Agawam High School Guidance Bulletin

College Acceptances: Congratulations!
Brian Chechile, University of Hartford.

College Representatives: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign-up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

November 30th: Manhattan College, 9:00.

December 1st: Curry College, 10:30.

December 2nd: Roger Williams University, 10:15.

December 6th: Framingham State College, 8:00.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Valley Press Club Scholarship: Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to area students who plan a career in journalism. Deadline: April 1, 2000.

United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship: Open to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited colleges or vocational schools. Deadline: January 15, 2000.

CTA Theater Arts Scholarship: Open to graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue a major in theater arts. Deadline: January 28, 2000.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to qualified students who plan to attend that school: **Swarthmore College**.

Financial Aid Night Slated For Dec. 7th At Agawam High School

FAFSA, Profile, EFC, SAR - if these terms are unfamiliar to you, then you are like most parents who are getting ready to send their first child off to college.

The FAFSA and the Profile are financial aid forms that must be used to obtain Federal, State, and institutional financial aid to help pay the ever-increasing cost of a college education.

The Guidance Department at the High School has scheduled a Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, December 7th to help you navigate the somewhat confusing world of financial aid. Even if you have filed for aid in the past, new rules and regulations are formulated every year and this presentation will be helpful to you in completing this year's forms.

Dr. Lee Sirois, chairman of the Financial Aid Department at AIC College, will be here to give you step-by-step assistance in understanding and completing these complex forms.

The Financial Aid Night will be held in the High School cafeteria on Tuesday, December 7th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. A brief question and answer period will follow Dr. Sirois' presentation.

Please add this important evening to your "Must Do" calendar.

On Friday, December 3rd...

Granger Elementary School Slates Caroling Party

The Granger School Christmas Caroling Party will be held Friday, December 3rd (rain date: December 10th).

From 6:00-7:00 p.m., there will be caroling to the elderly housing on North Westfield St.; 7:00-7:15 p.m., lighting of trees on the Granger town green; 7:15-8:30 p.m., social time with face painting, ornament decorating, movies, and a visit with Santa.

Please dress warmly, bring bells, flashlights, and loud singing voices. We will leave promptly at 6:00 p.m. from Granger School. Please feel free to join us at any time if you cannot come right at 6:00.

Again this year, we will be collecting health and beauty aids for the Open Pantry. Items such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc., may be dropped off before leaving for caroling.

During social time, there will be ornaments to decorate for Milton Bradley's Giving Tree. For every ornament decorated, Milton Bradley will donate a toy to the United Way, Salvation Army, or Toys For Tots. There will also be face painting and snacks in the cafeteria and a movie in the gym.

Santa will be on hand for pictures, so parents, remember those cameras.

Two Local Residents Are Cadets (4th Class) At MA Maritime Acad.

Local residents Scott A. Murphy, 20 Jessica Place, Feeding Hills, and Thomas J. Shibley, 55 Rowley St., Agawam, were among the Massachusetts Maritime Academy freshmen class of 2003 who recently completed all of the requirements to become a Cadet 4th class at the Academy.

These candidates had previously graduated from Cadet Candidate Orientation Training, and were officially admitted into the Academy's prestigious regiment of Cadets during recent ceremonies during Family Weekend.

The Massachusetts Maritime Academy, a four-year state college, is the nation's oldest continuing maritime college and is located on the picturesque Cape Cod Canal in Buzzard's Bay.

Area Pupils Attain Honor Roll At St. Thomas School

The following local students were named to the first quarter Honor Roll at St. Thomas the Apostle School in West Springfield.

FIRST HONORS: Grade 7 - Elizabeth Barker, Jeffrey Lagasse. Grade 6 - Kaitlyn Chase.

SECOND HONORS: Grade 7 - Timothy Welch. Grade 6 - Diana Forbes.

THIRD HONORS: Grade 8 - Katherine Forbes. Grade 7 - Alan Gallerani, Danielle Poggi, Adam Rhodes. Grade 6 - Anthony Ardolino. Grade 5 - Nichole Hess, Bianca Molta, Kimberly Murphy, Michelle Santos.

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SCOTT A. MURPHY AND THOMAS J. SHIBLEY

Noted Art Students



KYLE MCGUIRE AND NICOLE WOSZCZYNA were recently commended as "Art Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 29th: Cheese pizza, seasoned waxed beans, chilled mixed fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, November 30th: Cheese ravioli in tomato sauce, seasoned green beans, Italian bread and butter, apple crisp with topping, milk.

Wednesday, December 1st: Deli-sliced turkey sandwich in roll, tossed garden salad with ranch dressing, peas and carrots, nacho chips, milk.

Thursday, December 2nd: Rib dippers with barbecue sauce, niblet corn, applesauce, bread and butter, chocolate cake with mocha icing, milk.

Friday, December 3rd: Tomato and rice soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato wedges with catsup, ice cream sundae cup, milk.

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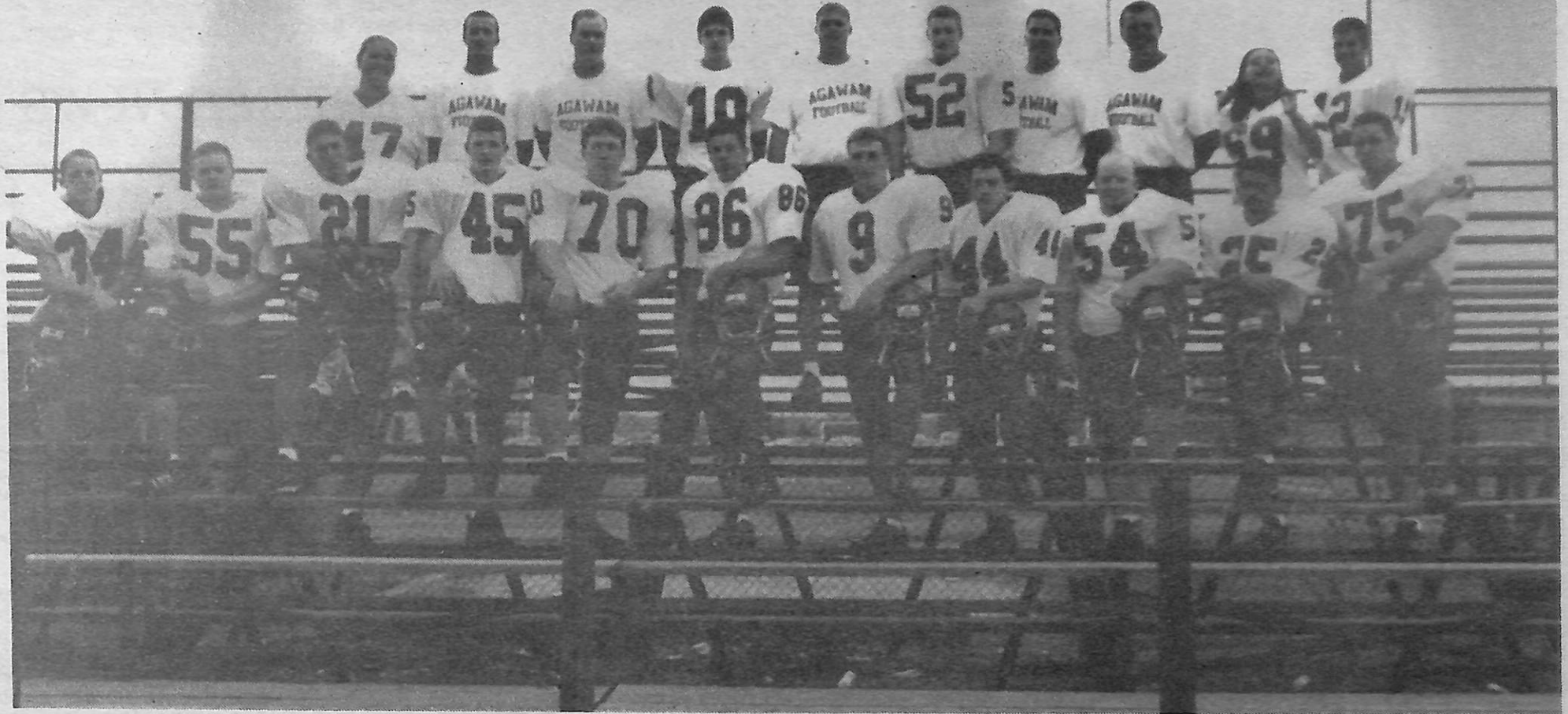
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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S 1999 varsity football Brownies are ready for the "big game" on Thanksgiving morning. Front row: Dave Moore, Shawn Gloster, Ian Hogan, Victor Romano (captain), Jon Archambault (captain), Dennis Liptak (captain), Brian St. Jean (captain), Russ Smith, Jerry Graves, Chris Scafuri, and Juan Garcia. Back row: Nicole Koehler (manager), Assistant Coach Chris Benjamin, Assistant Coach Rick Jewell, Scott Harlin, Head Coach Tad Desautels, Eric Pederson, Assistant Coach Armando Ramos, Assistant Coach John Benjamin, Carianne Bussolari (manager), and Edwin Torres.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Pulaski of AHS.

A Football Tradition...

AHS/West Side To Continue Their Thanksgiving Day Gridiron Rivalry

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High and West Springfield High will lock-up Thanksgiving Day in their traditional battle, which is one of the longest football battles (75 years) in these parts. They began playing each other in 1924.

And while they haven't always played on Turkey Day, most of the games have been tough and emotional affairs with Agawam leading the series, 49-22-3.

Agawam's biggest margin of victory came in 1945 - 65-0. In 1960, West Side had its biggest spread - 48-8. From 1963 through 1974, the Brownies enjoyed an 11-game win streak.

From 1988 through 1991, the Terriers enjoyed a four-game run. In their last 10 games, each team has won five. Agawam, however, has won the last three years, and with a 5-4 record as opposed to West Springfield's 2-7 in 1999 (plus with the home field advantage at Harmon Smith Field), the Brownies should be slightly favored.

Pressure On Both Sides

Because the game is so big, there has to be some pressure on both sides. "That's not really the case. I think the seniors might feel some because it's their final game and you always want to go out a winner. But we'll prepare for this game like we prepare for them all," AHS Coach Tad Desautels said.

He noted that West Side has an offense that nearly matches up with theirs. "They'll run the option and we'll have to counter with our defense, which is designed to stop the run. And we'll throw the football," he said.

Three Agawam seniors have a chance to go over 1,000 yards - running back Dave Moore, quarterback Brian St. Jean (passing), and wide receiver Scott Harlin. "Those guys are weapons, for sure. If we get them the ball enough times, good things will happen," Desautels smiled.

Agawam has scored 208 points (23.1 ppg) and given up 226 (25.1). West Side has scored 119 (13.2) and allowed 193 (24.4). They have a dangerous runner in (6 foot, 170-pound) tailback Corey Hopkins, who has speed and size. He has scored eight touchdowns this season. "One of our keys will be stopping him," the coach said.

He noted one problem the Terriers could have - depth, which will put a lot of pressure on both their offense and defense. He compared them talent-wise to South Hadley, which both teams beat (Agawam, by a score of 28-0; and West Side, 3-0).

Consistent All Year Long

He stressed that his team has been consistent all year long. "Even when we were getting beaten by Central and Cathedral, we didn't change the things we set out to do both offensively and defensively. I think one of our strong points is that we don't panic."

Desautels said he was satisfied with the season going into the final game. "We got beaten by some powerhouses (Longmeadow, along with Central and Cathedral) and lost one we shouldn't have to Holyoke. Our kids and the coaches had a great work ethic."

He took some time out to compare high school football in Texas, where he used to coach, to the brand of ball played in Western Mass. "Agawam would probably be a division three A club. They go all the way up to division five A, down there, with thousands of students. I think, though, it's pretty intense up here. These kids, as well as other teams here, could compete. Down there, they have full-time coaching staffs and spend a tremendous time lifting weights during the off-season."

"I know my staff and the team are looking forward to this great tradition on Thanksgiving," he added. (Game time: 10:00 a.m.)

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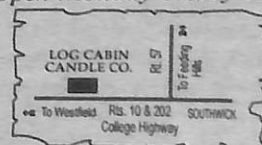
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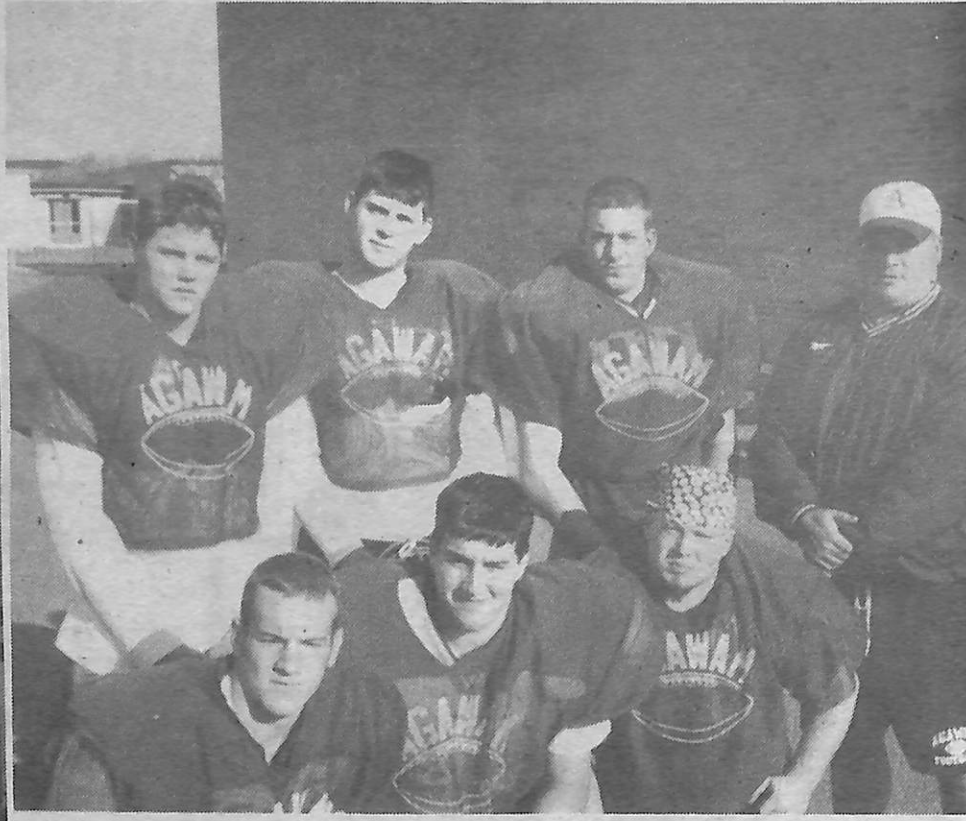


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The Brownies' "Offense" & "Defense"



LINE COACH MIKE DONOVAN working with Agawam High School's offensive line (left photo) and defensive line (right photo) a couple of days prior to the Thanksgiving Day football game versus West Springfield. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

Profile...

Jon Archambault: A Key Player On Thanksgiving Day

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One key player if Agawam High is going to have success against West Springfield on Thanksgiving Day will be captain Jon Archambault.

Recently, the senior took time out to talk about his days as a Brownie. Jon turned 17 on May 7th. He stands 6'1" tall and weighs in at 210 pounds. Jon is the center for the team, a position Coach Tad Desautels calls perhaps the most important on the offensive line. Jon has spent all four years of his secondary education at AHS.

Currently, his course load includes chemistry, algebra II, English 12, entrepreneurship, culinary arts, and gym. Culinary arts is his favorite course. He works at E.B's Restaurant in Agawam, so he gets a chance to do some cooking - especially their hot chicken wings. Rebecca Brown (science) is Jon's top teacher.

Jon wants to attend STCC for two years before moving on to one of the four-year schools in the area. His only sport is football, although he's thinking of trying out for varsity volleyball in the spring.

His best sports memory came in his freshman season when the Brownie frosh beat Chicopee Comp up there to finish unbeaten and untied.

He feels the team, which will go into the West Side game with a 5-4 record, had a good season and, of course, a win on Turkey Day would cap the whole thing off nicely. "We had a new coach and lost a couple games to Holyoke and Cathedral that we should have won," he noted.

Jon's favorite food is pasta.

Orange is his color of choice.

If he could have any car, it would be a 1987 Jaguar.

Emitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys is his top jock. The Red Sox are his favorite team.

He likes to relax at his friends' houses.

Khakis, t-shirts, and anything comfortable suit his taste in clothes. He shops for them at American Eagle.

Aerosmith is his favorite group.

The Simpsons is his favorite TV show. *Varsity Blues* is his number one on the big screen.

Nancy is his mom. Keith is his dad's name. He has a younger sister, Kristine (16), who also attends Agawam High.

He says he looks up to his mom because she's a terrific woman who has always helped him out. When his days at AHS are done, Jon says he wants to be remembered as someone who did his thing and was a stand-up guy.

"Jon is a great kid who exceeded all expectations we had for him. He has a great work ethic and was in the weight room all summer to build himself up. We think he could play college football at a division three school," Desautels said.



AHS SENIOR Jon Archambault (second from the left), a captain of the 1999 varsity football team at Agawam High School, poses with freshman football Coach Kirk Parker, fellow varsity captain Dennis Liptak, and varsity Head Coach Tad Desautels. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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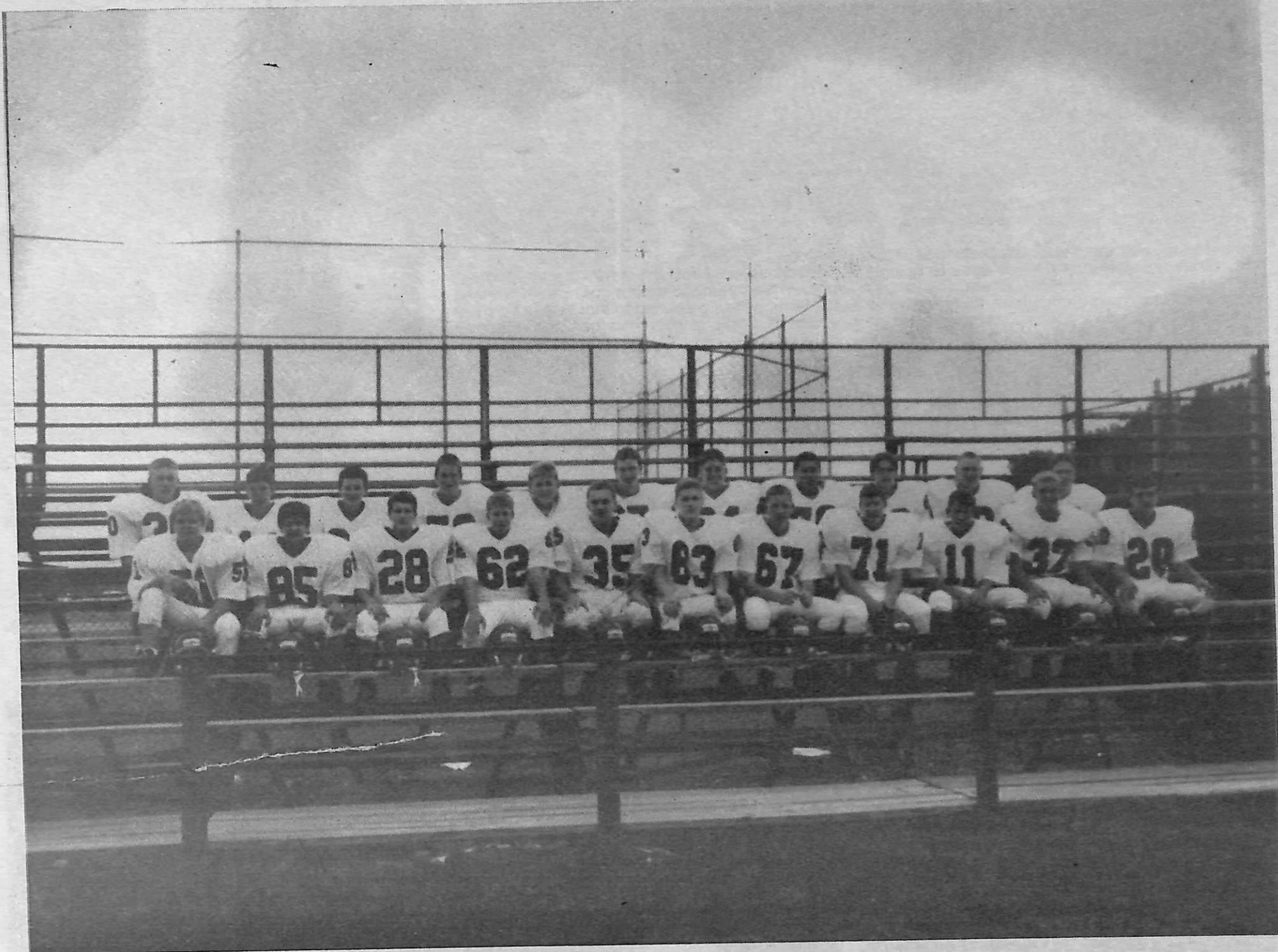
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The 1999 Freshman Football Team At AHS...



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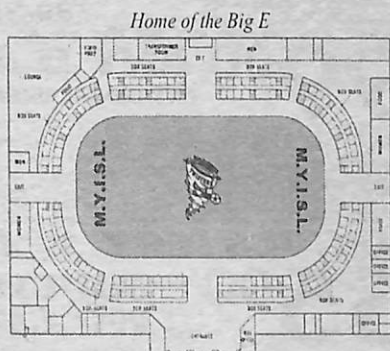
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At Westfield State College...

Former Agawam High Football Star Jason Votzakis Shines In College Ball

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Many of the Agawam High faithful remember Jason Votzakis when he played football for the Brownies four or so years ago.

They remember a kid who had the power to run the ball down a defense's throat or beat them outside. He was a two-time All-Western Mass. performer. His skills got him a big look and an invitation to AIC.

But being with the Yellow Jackets wasn't for him. "They red-shirted me. I was used to being a starter and didn't want to return punts and kickoffs or run down under them for three years before getting a starting job," Jason said. So, he went looking for another school.

Westfield State showed an interest and it turned out to be a marriage made in collegiate heaven. Everything paid off last Saturday when Jason, a senior, rushed for 153 yards on 31 carries in a 31-26 Owl win over Worcester State. He ended up with a single season rushing total of 1,469 yards, breaking the previous record of 1,460 by Tim Lightfoot back in 1994. Jason did it on an 18-yard run (on his final carry) with 1:18 left in the game.

For Jason, his entire collegiate career at Westfield State was a tour de force, starting with the first time he saw their offense. "It was all built around the I-formation, just like my entire high school career. In that formation, the tailback takes a tremendous pounding, but can also do some great things. It's a runners' offense," he said of the style employed by former AHS Coach Dean Vecchiarelli.

And a runners' offense means something that comes with the territory - injuries. "Last year, I did get beat up with a toe problem in our first scrimmage. Then a hamstring injury stopped me for a while in our fourth game," Jason admitted. But he produced for WSC head Coach Steve Marino, gaining 132 yards as a freshman, 986 as a sophomore, and 1,240 (despite the injuries) as a junior (before his record-breaking senior campaign).

Instrumental In The Win

"I think everyone in the New England Football Conference saw him coming in 1997 when Jason was instrumental in our 19-14 win over Worcester State. They had won 27 straight conference games. He was held to 12 yards in the first three quarters, then, in the fourth, exploded for 108. His performance totally confused Worcester State and led directly to our win," WSC Sports Information Director Mickey Curtis said of that momen-

tous day.

There are moments Jason will remember throughout his career with the Owls, other than the underclassman heroics. "Since I was healthy this year, there was the game against Framingham State, which we won. I had 231 yards on 27 carries. That was a school record for average carries in a game when a back has more than 20 carries," Jason noted.

Jason spent a lot of time in the WSC weight room. It was something that continually impressed Marino when we talked to him earlier this year. "Jason is religious when it comes to weight training. And it has helped him tremendously," Marino said.

"Yeah, I like weight training. I was about 185 pounds in high school. I bulked to 220 in college. What I found out is that it didn't hurt my speed. I still run 40 in 4-6 and during my junior year, went down to 4-5," the 5'9" tailback said.

A Slew Of Records

The work and finding the right place has awarded the former Brownie with a slew of records. He was ninth in the country in rushing among Division III runners this season. He had been number three in the nation after five games. Jason was third in a league of 14 teams in rushing yards. He broke a WSC record in yards per game as a senior - 146.9.

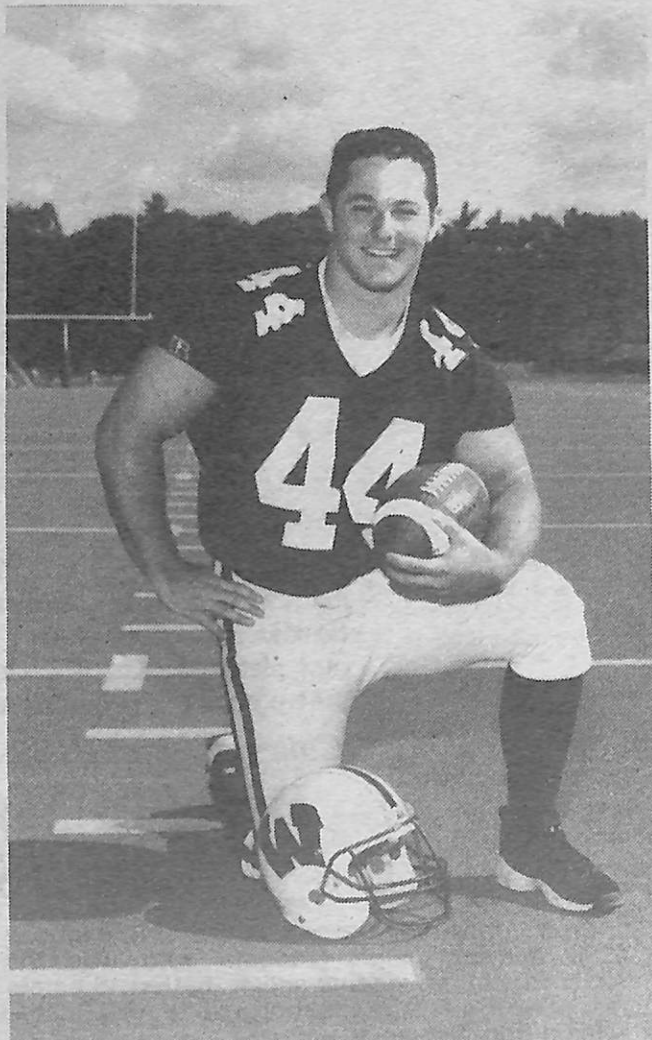
He had nine 100-yard games this season, tying a league record. He had 99 yards in their first game against Framingham State.

Jason also had 13 straight 100-yard games against teams in the New England College Football Conference.

In his career at WSC, he had 20 100-yard games. He was second in career scoring with 25 TDs, 12 in 1999, four in 1998, and nine in 1997, plus three two-point conversions (for 156 points).

Perhaps the most telling category for him was his average carries a game - 26.7. And many times he didn't even play the whole game. That is total durability. As a senior, he averaged 5.5 yards a carry and 4.8 yards every time he touched the ball in his career. What more could any coach ask for in a back?

Jason, with a major in mass communications, will graduate this December. He would like to go into television or radio (behind the scenes) as an engineer, producer, or the like. He is a mature, well-spoken kid who would do anyone proud to have him on their staff.



JASON VOTZAKIS in uniform for the Westfield State College football team. The senior mass communications major had nine 100-yard games this season, tying a league record. In his entire career with the Owls, he had 20 100-yard games, including 13 straight 100-yard games against teams in the New England College Football Conference.

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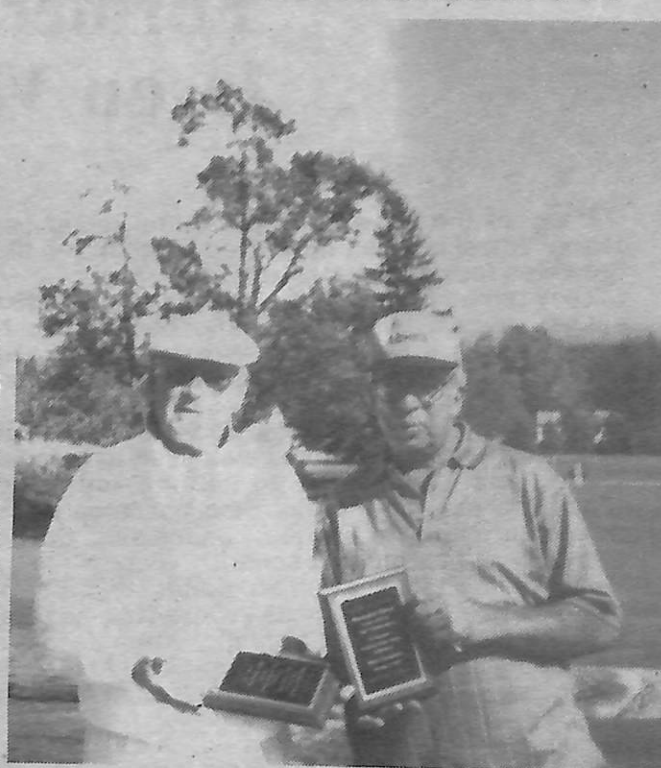
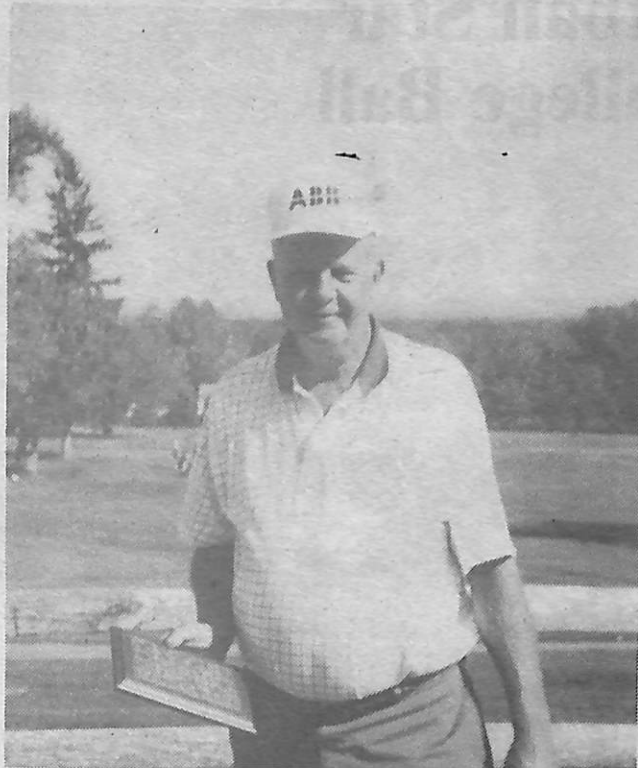
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Winners Of The Berkshire Power Golf Tournament...



PICTURED ABOVE ARE SOME OF THE winners of the Fifth Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit the Agawam High School Athletic Department. In left photo: closest to the pin — Paul Bowler. In center photo: mixed division (tie) — Joanne Barnes, Kenny Barnes, and Rosemary Sandlin (not pictured: Kevin Barnes). In right photo: open division — Armadeo Santaniello and Frank Delapa (not pictured: Al Bruno and Victor Bruno).

Collegiate Basketball...

Barbara Maloni Leads Brown U. Varsity Women With 18 Points Versus Slovenia Nationals

Brown University freshman Barbara Maloni, the 1999 Agawam High graduate who was the school's all-time leading scorer, netted 18 points last week in a 60-45 exhibition loss to ADD Illijara, a team from Slovenia.

Maloni was a perennial All-Western Mass. performer for AHS during her four-year run on the AHS girls' varsity and was considered one of the top girls' players in Massachusetts last year.

Against ADD Illijara, Maloni also grabbed five rebounds, tallied three assists, and added three steals to her impressive all-court game.

The Bears played a strong first half, retiring at 25-23 at the intermission. ADD Illijara went on a 13-2 run to open the second half and Brown was never able to get closer than nine points the rest of the way.

The Brown U. women's team opened their

regular season on Saturday, November 20th, vs. Syracuse in the opening round of the Binghamton Conference Challenge in New York.

Brown will have its home opener on Saturday, December 4th as it will host the Brown Classic and High Point.

Maloni is the daughter of Anthony & Cynthia Maloni of 32 Losito Lane, Agawam.

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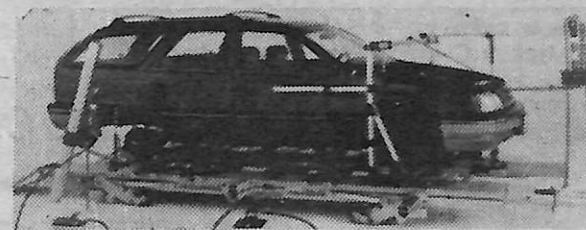
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More Berkshire Power Golf Tournament Winners...



IN LEFT PHOTO: mixed division (tie) — Larry Keenan, Mike Timon, Cathy Molta, and Dan Keenan.
IN RIGHT PHOTO: women's division — Sue Neely, Judy McGearry, Holly Florek, and Kady Macchi.



Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

A Thanksgiving Thought

Thanksgiving morn will find many of us working the bird dogs in early morning frost. There is a sense of urgency as we try to get in those last days of pheasant season. Regardless of whether or not we harvest any game that day, we have much to be thankful for and to reflect upon.

Thanksgiving day is also a day to reflect upon nature's bounty as well as our heritage. As families gather for the traditional Thanksgiving day feast, we should take a few moments to remember what the day is all about.

This Thanksgiving, we will all be gathered with family and friends. There will be a bountiful feast of stuffed turkey and every variety of foods. Many of us will overeat, turn on the traditional football games, and fall asleep in the easy chair.

As outdoorsmen, whether you fish, hunt, hike, or camp, we have a very special reason to give thanks. It is we, who are closer to nature; it is we that can and must share our love of the outdoors with the next generation.

Most of us had a mentor, who introduced us to hunting and fishing and other outdoor pursuits. It might have been your father, an uncle, or a neighbor. Regardless of who it was, the fact is that someone cared enough to share a precious treasure of time and knowledge.

As a youngster growing up, my own father was stationed away from home with the Air Force. My dear mother was astute enough to know that boys were supposed to fish and hunt.

It was Ed Gleason of Agawam who became my mentor. He taught me how to fish a trout stream and to appreciate the grandeur of nature. His influence also helped to mold my character in a very positive way.

Ed guided me on my very first deer hunt. I had the privilege of taking Ed on his last. It has been well over a decade since his passing, but his gift to me will live on.

Each Thanksgiving I give thanks for the priceless treasure that he shared with me and I have passed to my son, Todd.

As we reflect on this day of Thanksgiving, while we are giving thanks for the company of friends and loved ones, let us pledge to show our gratitude by sharing our love and enjoyment of the outdoors with a young person this coming year.

With fewer and fewer young people being involved in outdoor pursuits, we, as a nation, are losing our heritage and they are losing what could be a lifetime of healthy enjoyment.

We cannot rely on someone else to shoulder the burden. We must, as individuals, take the initiative. No government program is going to take your place in sharing your love of the outdoors with a youngster.

Have a safe and bountiful Thanksgiving Holiday!

HUNTING COMMON SENSE

With the shotgun season on deer almost upon us, I am starting to get calls from readers about the new gun laws and whether or not they affect hunting. The answer is YES!

If you have waited this long to investigate whether or not you will be legal to hunt, you prob-

ably are too late already. As with everything else, there are always a few that never get the word, and have no clue that their firearms license is invalid.

Check with your local police department to verify your current F.I.D. is still valid. If you have had a birthday since the law's passage and have not renewed under the new law, you may be out of luck!

Those who hunt on private land should check to make sure that they still have permission to hunt on that land. Towns are passing regulations left and right that require written permission to hunt on private land within the town.

Opening day is not the time to find out that you have nowhere to hunt.

CLUB NEWS

I would like to take this occasion to invite any of the local sportsmen's clubs. Bass clubs and any other organized group of sportsmen or sportswomen to send me their club news for publication in this column.

Outdoors New England is not my column - it is YOUR column. It is YOUR forum. I merely write it. Please send your announcements and reports and stories to my attention, care of *The Agawam Advertiser*.

Enjoy a safe week on the water as well as in the fields and woods. See you in the pheasant fields Thanksgiving morning. I'll be the guy in the orange hat. Happy Thanksgiving!

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THE TWO WINNING TEAMS of the Ladies Nine-Hole League's recently held Annual Field Day Tournament, which took place at Oak Ridge Golf Club. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** the first-place team — Dee Simon, Priscilla Silliman, Alice Orr, and Lynn Modzelesky. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** the second-place team — Kathy Losito, Cindy Keeley, Ann Burke, and Sue Nilsen.

Annual Field Day Tourney For Ladies Nine-Hole League

On Thursday, October 21st, the Oak Ridge Golf Club Ladies Nine-Hole League held their Annual Field Day Tournament.

The Nine-Hole Scramble Event was followed by awards and lunch. This year, the league had 38 members for the early morning 8:00 a.m. start, nine-hole Thursday league.

Events began in April and continued each Thursday through October.

Field Day winners were as follows:

First Place - Lynn Modzelesky, Dee Simon, Alice Orr, Priscilla Silliman (score: 34).

Second Place - Sue Nilsen, Kathy Losito, Cindy Keeley, Ann Burke (score: 36).

Putting Champion: Alice Orr. **Nearest To Pin winners:** Sue Nilsen, Linda Longhi, Ginny Abraham.

Most Accurate Tee Shot: Rose Modzelesky. **Long Drive:** Lois DePalma.

This ladies league will invite new members for the 2000 season. Call the golf shop, 789-7307, for information.

In The Tri-Parish Bowling League...

St. Louis Takes One-Game Lead Over B.C. In Second Week Of Round Two

During the second week of round two in the Tri-Parish Bowling League, the action on the lanes has stepped up a notch or two.

St. Mary, the previous leader, was shut out by St. Louis, 4-0. Don "Reb" Stitt and Rich "Golden" Snyder contributed a 300 and a 316 for the losers. Jim "Big Mac" McCormack led the winners with a single of 127 and a 313 total. Glen "Not Sam" Adams anchored with a 123 single and a 308 total. All the bowlers went to sleep early because no one on either team could muster a string over 100 in the third string of the night.

In another shutout, Boston College did in Notre Dame, 4-0. Maureen "Big Mo" Lyncosky had a big night for B.C. with strings of 132 and 135 and a total of 343. Roger "Rabbit" Josephson, with a 318, and Betsy "Loose" Cannon, with a 306, helped in the slaughter. Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin led the losers with 315, and Cori "Lefty" Napolitan helped with 304 to no avail.

Georgetown outscored Holy Cross and came out with a 3-1 win. Lucy "Not In Peanuts" Menard had a big 308 to lead the team. Debbie "Mighty"

Poirier could only muster a 301 against Holy Cross anchor, Ron "The Don" Menard, who rolled a 350. John "Big Bad" Mlinek had a 299 for the losers.

The fourth match-up was between Catholic University and Fordham, with Fordham coming out on top, 3-1. Sub Jim "The Heat" Burlingham, with a 326, and Frank "Buck" Cerpovicz, with a 130 single and a 323 total, bowled well for the losers. Jan "Steady" Fuller rolled two strings over 100, but could only muster a 298 to help the winning team. "Jolly" Olly Muldrew woke up enough to roll a 135 single and a 345 triple to anchor the Fordham group.

STANDINGS

St. Louis	7-1
Boston College	6-2
Georgetown	5-3
Fordham	4-4
St. Mary	3-5
Holy Cross	3-5
Catholic University	2-6
Notre Dame	2-6

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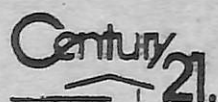


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